

IN THIS THRILLING ISSUE OF SPOT! (SUPER DOG) OUR HERO MEETS HIS MAKER... LITERALLY!

PEANUT, I NEED YOU TO HELP ME SAVE THE WORLD... FROM ITSELF

AWESOME

THE OL' "CREATOR MEETS CREATION" GAG, IT'S BEEN DONE MANY TIMES BEFORE. A MOST WORTHY ADVERSARY TO MY WITTERY ABILITIES.

I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE! AND MARK MY WORDS, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN! NOT EVEN--

Knock knock
I'LL GET IT

HIYA MR... UH, RICK GRIFFIN? WOW, YOU MEAN THE RICK GRIFFIN?

AH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S HIM. HE DIED LIKE, ALMOST TWENTY YEARS AGO...

SOO... DOES THAT TECHNICALLY MAKE YOU AN OFFICIAL DEADHEAD?

NOBODY IS GOING TO GET THAT PEANUT

IS THIS THE GRIFFIN RESIDENCE?

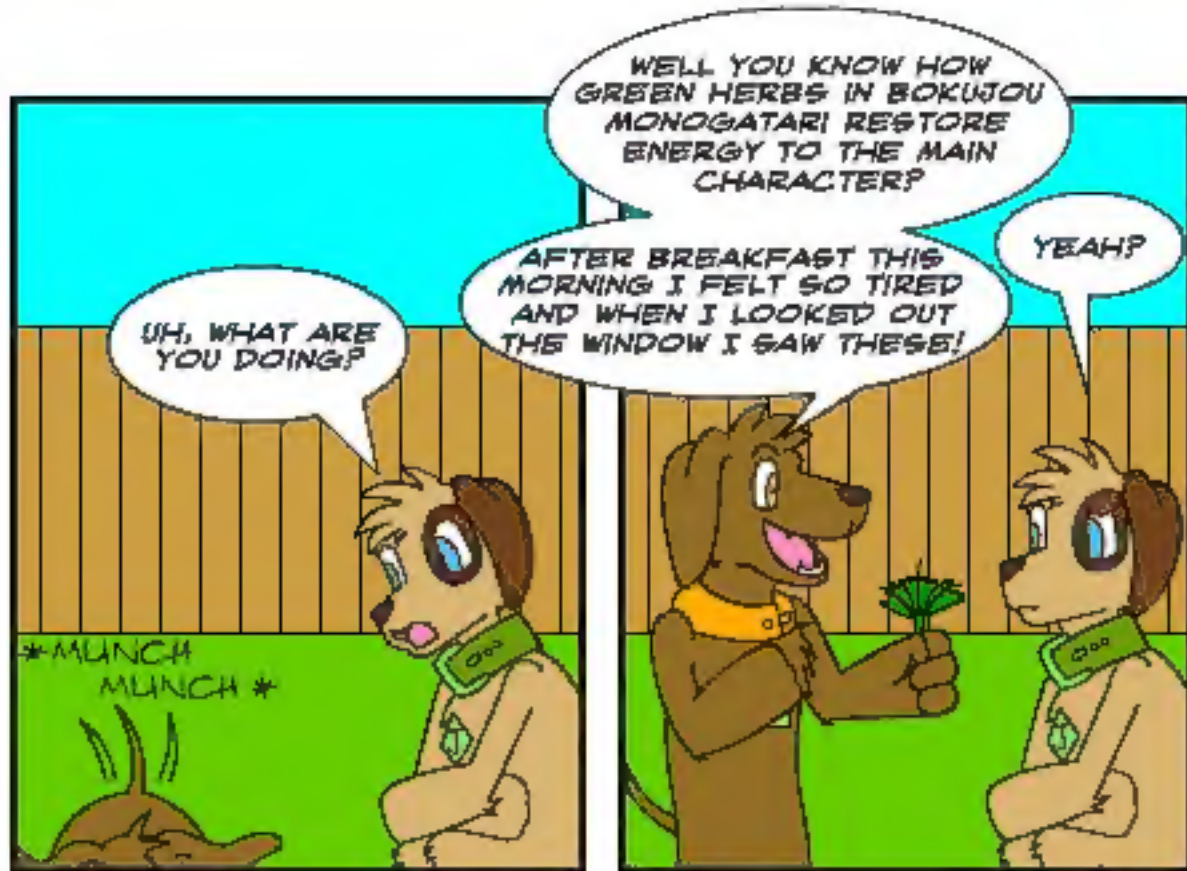
THAT'S NOT ACTUALLY MY...

SO GHOST OF RICK GRIFFIN, WHAT ENLIGHTENING LESSON WILL YOU BE TEACHING US TODAY?

BETTER NOT BE SOMETHING OBVIOUS LIKE "ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HELMET"

I NEED TO LIE DOWN...

WHAT A TWIST!





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GRAAAPE! THE
TV SAID THAT THERE'S
GONNA BE SNOW
TOMORROW!

RRRGH ...
PEANUT, IN CASE
YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED,
WE ALREADY HAVE
SNOW

YEAH BUT LIKE A
STUPID FAT AMOUNT!
IT'S GONNA BE SO MUCH
THAT IT'S CRIPPLING! ISN'T
THAT AWESOME?

UH-HUH, WELL
MAYBE THAT WOULD
MEAN SOMETHING IF
WE EVER LEFT HOME
REGULARLY

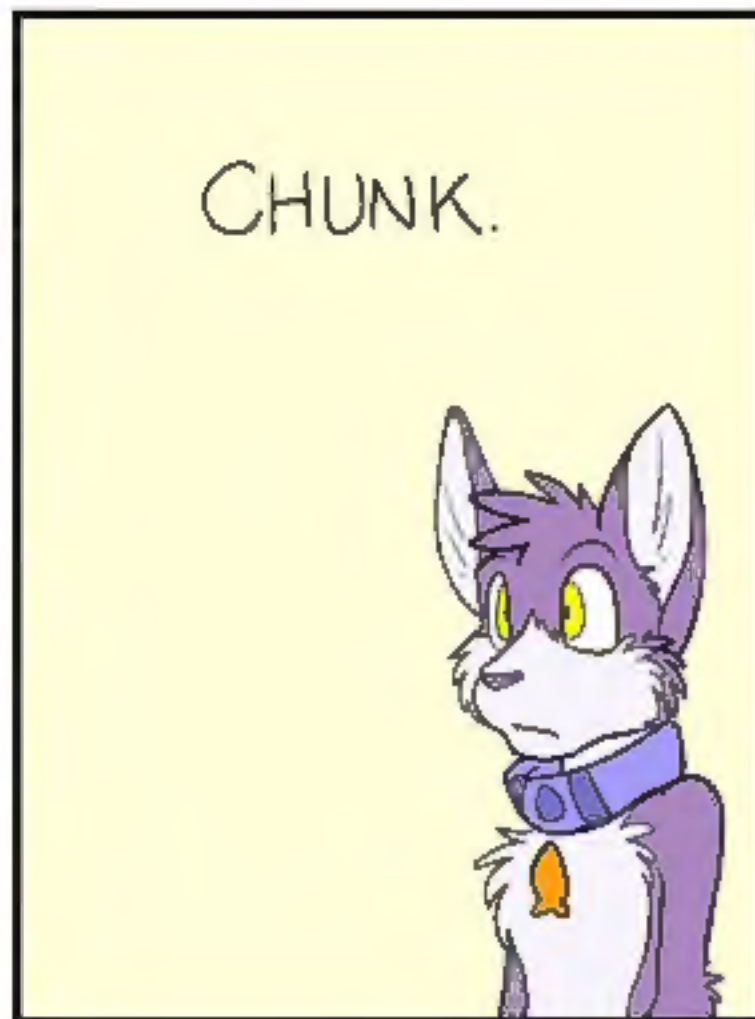
UGH, IT'S JUST SNOW
... WHAT'S THAT MUTT
EXPECT TO HAPPEN WITH
EVEN MORE OF IT?

HO HO HO! IT'S TIME
FOR **SECOND** CHRISTMAS,
PEANUT!

YAY!



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I JUST CHECKED;
SEEMS THE WHOLE
NEIGHBORHOOD LOST
POWER

THAT SOUNDS
PRETTY COOL!



SOUNDS COOL?
PEANUT, WE'RE GOING
TO BE FREEZING AND
BORED: **BORED
FROZEN**

NO, NO, WE'LL
BE FINE, YOU
JUST GOTTA PLAN
IT OUT

WHAT WE DO IS
CURL UP WITH HOT
CHOCOLATE AND POPCORN
BY THE FIRE AND WATCH OUR
MOVIE COLLECTION UNTIL
THIS ALL BLOWS OVER

WE COULD EVEN *IM*
MAX AND TAROT TO SEE
IF THEY COULD COME
OVER!

PEANUT, I NEED
YOU TO THINK ABOUT
WHAT YOU JUST
SAID

OH,
RIGHT

IN ORDER TO
GET MAX AND TAROT,
WE'LL NEED TO BUILD
AN ELABORATE
TUNNEL SYSTEM

HEY! HOW DID YOU
MANAGE TO TURN ON
THE FIREPLACE?

IT'S GAS. YOU
TWIST THE SWITCH
AND STRIKE A
MATCH

NEAT!

YOU KNOW, LIVING IN A
HOUSE IS A LOT DIFFERENT
FROM LIVING IN THE
WOODS

I CAN'T
IMAGINE

I WAS THINKING,
WHEN THE ELECTRICITY
DIDN'T COME ON THIS
MORNING . . .

IS THIS THE REAL
WAY TO RAISE MY PUPS? SO
THEY THINK A POWER OUTAGE IS
A DISASTER WHEN TO US ADULTS
IT'S GOING BACK TO NORMAL?
MAYBE THIS IS A BLESSING.
MAYBE WE CAN DO WITHOUT THE
FANCY GADGETS THAT SHUT
OUT THE REAL WORLD

OF COURSE, THAT
THOUGHT LASTED ALL OF
A SECOND WHEN I FOUND
OUT NO ELECTRICITY MEANS
NO CABLE SO HELP THE
POWER COMPANY IF I
MISS MY STORIES

CRUNCH

UH

Scot

ALRIGHT MUTTS!
THE SNOWPLOWS WILL
TAKE SEVERAL HOURS TO
GET TO BABYLON GARDENS,
SO IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE
SURE NOTHING EXPLODES
BEFORE THEY GET
HERE!



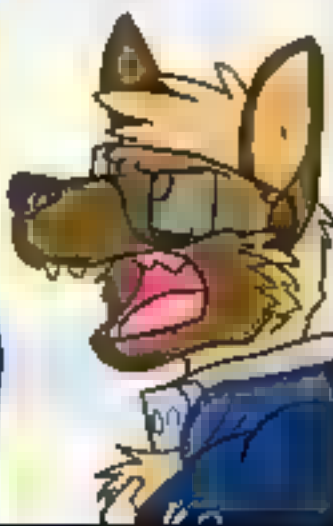
WHAT MIGHT
EXPLODE, SIR?

PIPES, THOUGH
THAT'S SORT OF RARE.
MOSTLY, WE'RE MAKING
SURE ROOFS DON'T CAVE
IN, OR ANYTHING ELSE
THAT'S CRITICAL



SIR!
THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY
BORING, SIR!

WE'RE NOT OUT
HERE TO HAVE FUN,
WE'RE OUT HERE TO HELP
PEOPLE! ISN'T THAT
RIGHT, OFFICER
FIDO?



TO BE FAIR, SIR, IT
SOUNDS DECIDEDLY LESS
FUN THAN YOU INITIALLY
LET ON

HE'S
TOTALLY BEING
FAIR, SIR

JUST GET THE
SHOVELS



SUH, YOU
REALIZE THAT WE
HAVE PLENTY OF STAFF
ON-HAND TO TAKE CARE
OF THE DRIVEWAY,
DON'T YOU?

ALSO, WE'RE
DIRECTLY OVER THE
FRONT YARD, NOT
THE DRIVEWAY



THANK YOU
JEEVES, BUT I
AM PERFECTLY
AWARE THAT I'M
SUPER RICH

THOUGH AT WHAT
OTHER TIME WOULD I
GET TO PLAY WITH A
FLAMETHROWER AND NOT
GET IN TROUBLE?



IT'S . . . THE WAY
YOU'RE DOING IT, SUH,
YOU'RE LEAVING BEHIND
A SHEET OF ICE

OH I
KNOW



TIGER WHAT
ARE YOU DOING



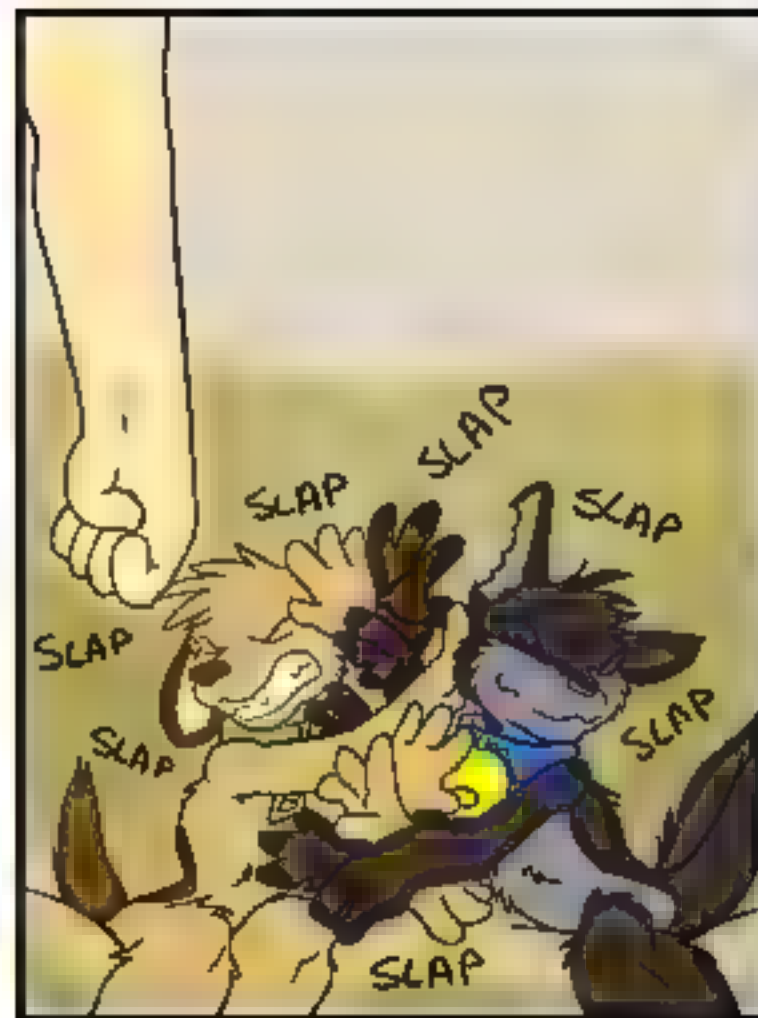
UH, THE POWER'S
OUT, SO I'M EATING THE
ICE CREAM BEFORE IT
MELTS?

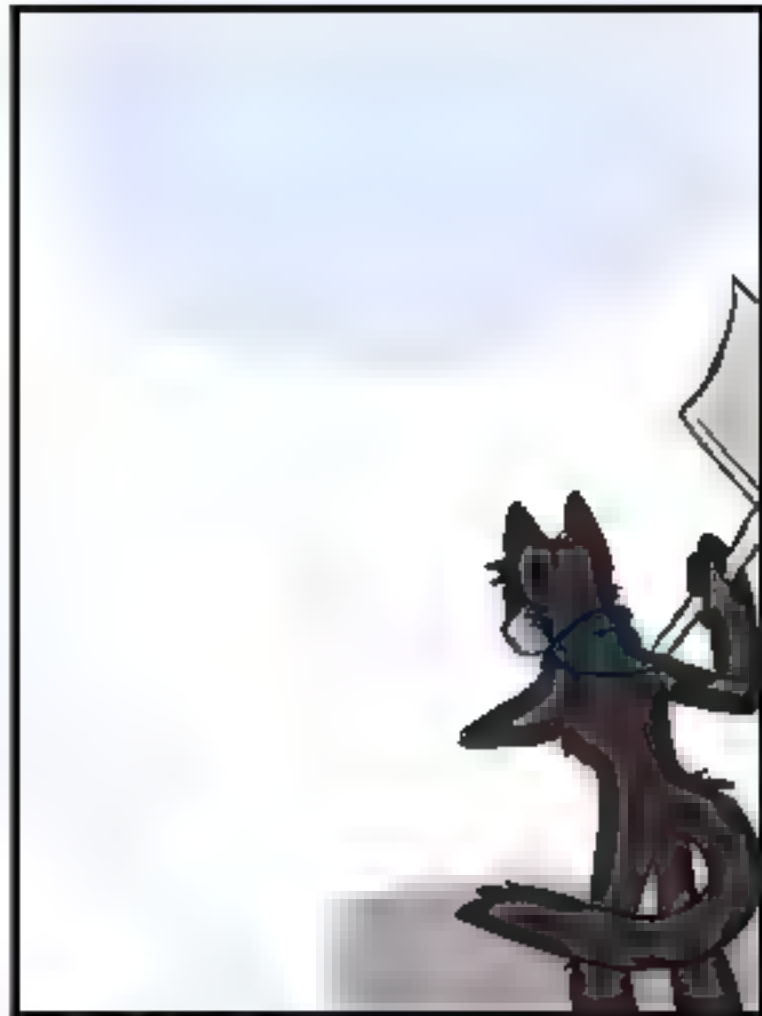
IT'S TEN
BELOW OUTSIDE!
THERE'S NO
DANGER OF
MELTING!



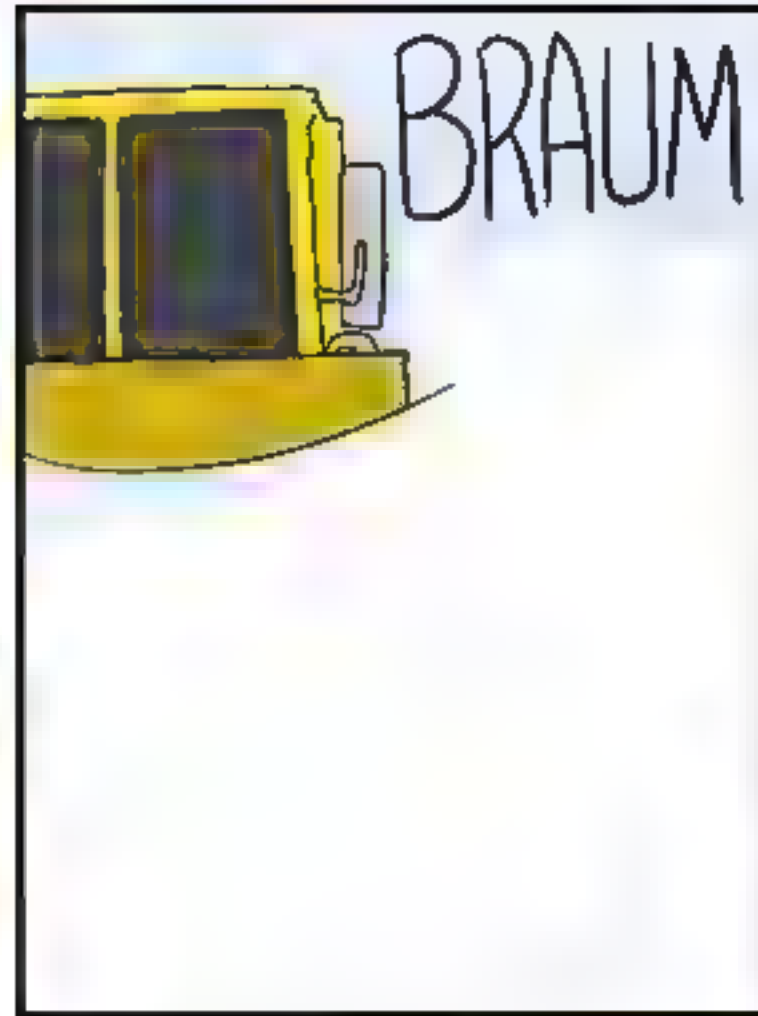
HUH,
I GUESS YOU'RE
RIGHT







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HEY SABRINA, IS
TAROT IN? . . . WAIT,
THAT'S A SILLY
QUESTION

NOT AS MUCH
AS YOU THINK;
COME IN!

GIVEN THAT SHE'S
PSYCHIC, I THOUGHT SHE
WOULD HAVE COME OVER TO
"RESCUE" ME AGAIN WHEN THE
POWER WENT OUT

THE
POWER'S
OUT?

. . . WAIT,
BUT YOU HAVE
CANDLES?

RIGHT, I'M
AN IDIOT

DON'T BLAME
YOURSELF, WE WOULDN'T
HAVE OUR DARK CHANTING
CD ON EVEN IF WE HAD
POWER
NOT SINCE I
PUT IN "BEST
OF QUEEN" BY
MISTAKE

YOU CERTAINLY TAKE
THIS OCCULT STUFF WELL;
A LOT OF PEOPLE GET
SORE AT SEEING MAGIC
CIRCLES

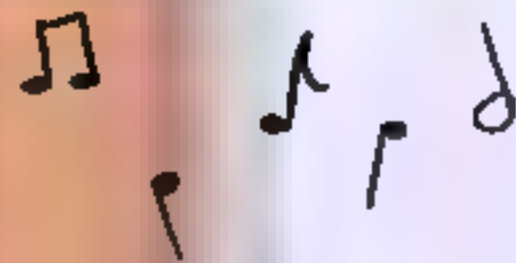
WHAT CAN I
SAY? I'M A DOG—I
LIKE EXCITEMENT. ALSO,
BARKING AT IT FROM A
DISTANCE

TAROT CHOSE YOU
WELL. THEN AGAIN, SHE
HAS A LOT OF HELP

FROM THE
SPIRITS, I
KNOW

I MEAN THE
DRAGON,
ACTUALLY

DING



AREN'T YOU
EVEN GOING TO
ASK?

YEAH, WHY
ARE WE IN AN
ELEVATOR?

NO, ABOUT—
NEVERMIND

I'M SERIOUS,
WHY ARE WE IN AN
ELEVATOR?

TAROT'S IN A
SPIRIT REALM RIGHT
NOW; THAT'S WHERE
WE'RE GOING

THEN WHY THE
MAGIC CIRCLE IF
THEY COULD TAKE
THIS?

THAT'S
FOR A *DIFFERENT* SPIRIT
REALM; THERE'S A LOT MORE
THAN JUST ONE

I THINK IT WOULD BE
STRANGE IF THE SPIRIT WORLD
WAS *LESS* VARIED THAN OUR
OWN

MUST BE
CONFUSING

NOT REALLY; I'VE BEEN
ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND
COPING IS THE SAME AS
ANYWHERE

LISTEN, LEARN, AVOID BEING
EATEN BY AN ELEVEN-HEADED
GROGNAK, AND BE POLITE

MMM

...

NOTHING EVER
FAZES YOU, DOES
IT?

ONLY WITH
SLICE-OF-LIFE-SLASH-
ROMANTIC-COMEDIES
ABOUT ANIMALS, NOT THIS
FANTASY MULTIVERSE
NONSENSE

THAT'S JUST
SILLY



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YOU JUST
GOT A ROOT
BEER?

I LIKE
ROOT
BEER

WHAT'S
TAROT DOING
AROUND HERE
ANYWAY?

DOING
BATTLE WITH THE
FROST GIANT
AURGELMIR

SO FROST
GIANTS ARE A
THING?

EVERYTHING IS A THING,
PEANUT—IT JUST DEPENDS ON
WHO AND WHERE YOU ARE AS TO
HOW IT MANIFESTS

YOU SEE, THE FROST
GIANT MANIFESTS ITSELF
ON EARTH AS A MASSIVE
SNOWSTORM

BUT IF IT'S
ALREADY THERE,
WHY IS TAROT
HERE?

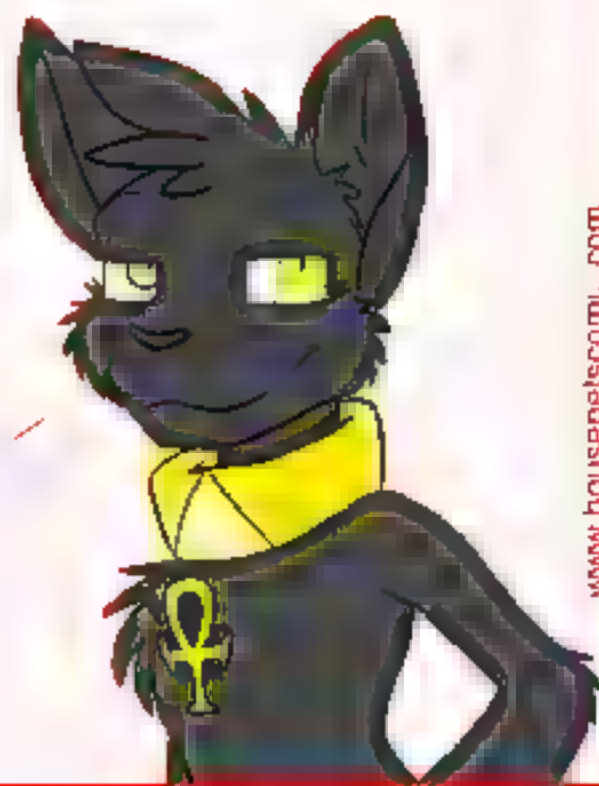
IT'S MUCH MORE
DIFFICULT TO PUNCH A
WEATHER SYSTEM

THE
IMPLICATIONS ARE
AWESOME



Sorry, I'm way out
of your league

But just for today,
I'll hang around
and impress your
friends



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lol i got u new car
4 v-tines ^ _ ^ isnt
it awesome?



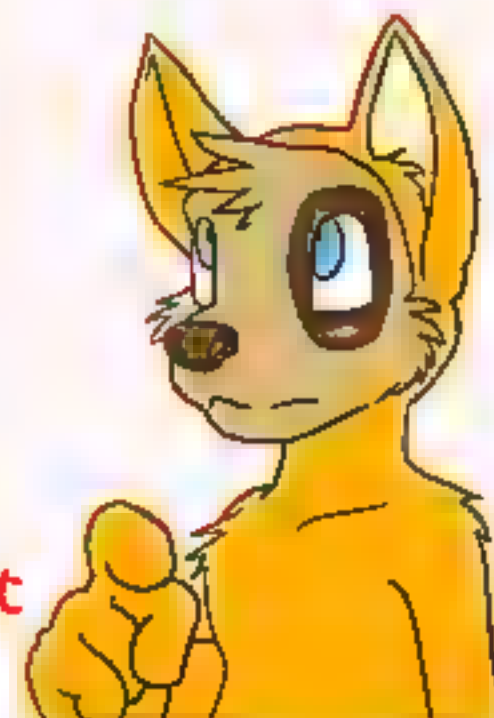
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I can be

whatever you want me
to be

which sounds really
creepy

now that I think about it



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**STOP DATING
MY BROTHER**



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TEN MINUTES LATER (?) . . .

WHAM

THAT WAS
AWESOME!

AND PROBABLY
THE SECOND OR
THIRD COOLEST
THING I'VE EVER
SEEN!

OH PEANUT,
YOU'RE SO
GOOFY

HERE, LET ME
GIVE YOU A LITTLE
SOMETHING . . .

KISS

AGH!

WATCH WHERE
YOU AIM THOSE
THINGS

GORRY

FROM HERE,
YOU BOTH OCCUPY
THE SAME POINT
IN SPACE

SO WHAT WAS THIS ALL ABOUT? DID YOU REALLY NEED TO BEAT UP THE SNOWSTORM FOR US?

THERE'S A LOT MORE GOING ON THAN YOU KNOW ABOUT, PEANUT

WELL IF I'M GOING TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT ALL IS GOING ON?

IN TIME, PEANUT. FOR NOW, I WILL TELL YOU THIS:

THERE ARE MANY WONDROUS THINGS OF BEAUTY AND TERROR IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, BUT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR WHILE TAROT IS LINKED TO YOU

THERE'S ALWAYS A HAPPY END, PEANUT, BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO WAKE UP

POO

AAAAAAH WHY AM I SCREAMING THAT WASN'T SCARY

OH THERE YOU ARE, PEANUT; THE POWER'S BACK ON

YEAH, OKAY, I ... GUESS I'LL WATCH TV?

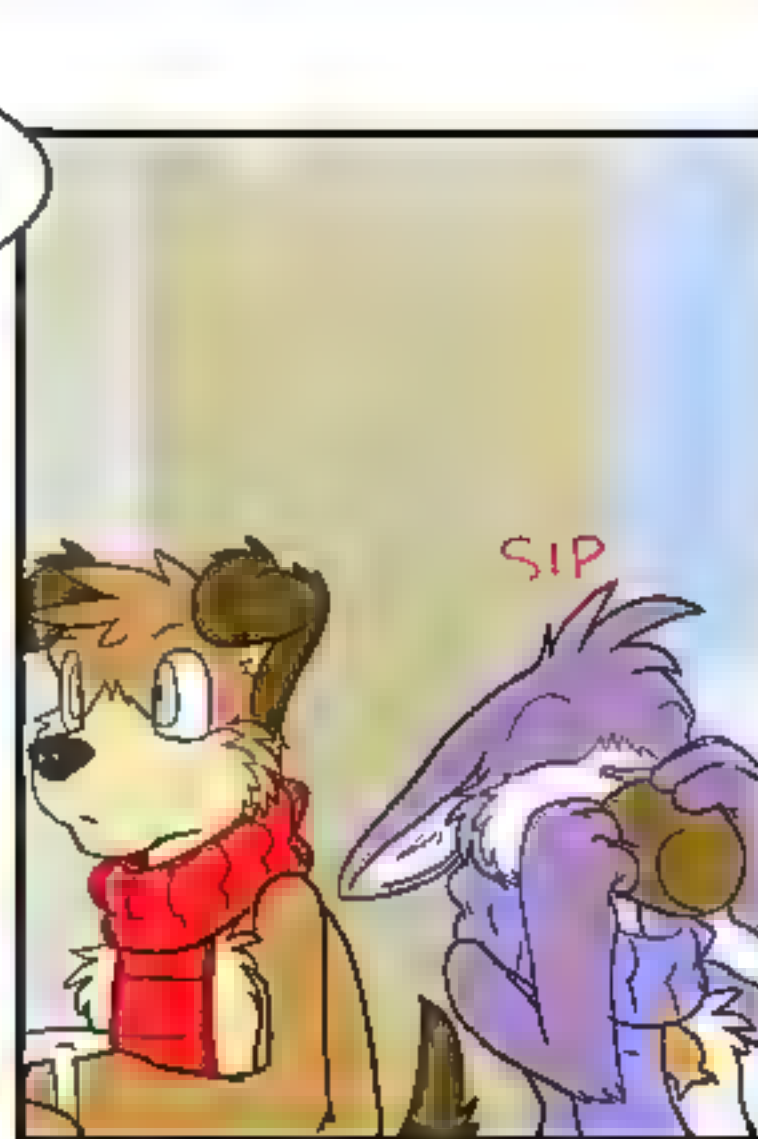
DING DONG

I'LL GET IT!

HEY PEANUT! YOU LEFT YOUR SCARF AT MY PLACE; SORRY ABOUT THAT

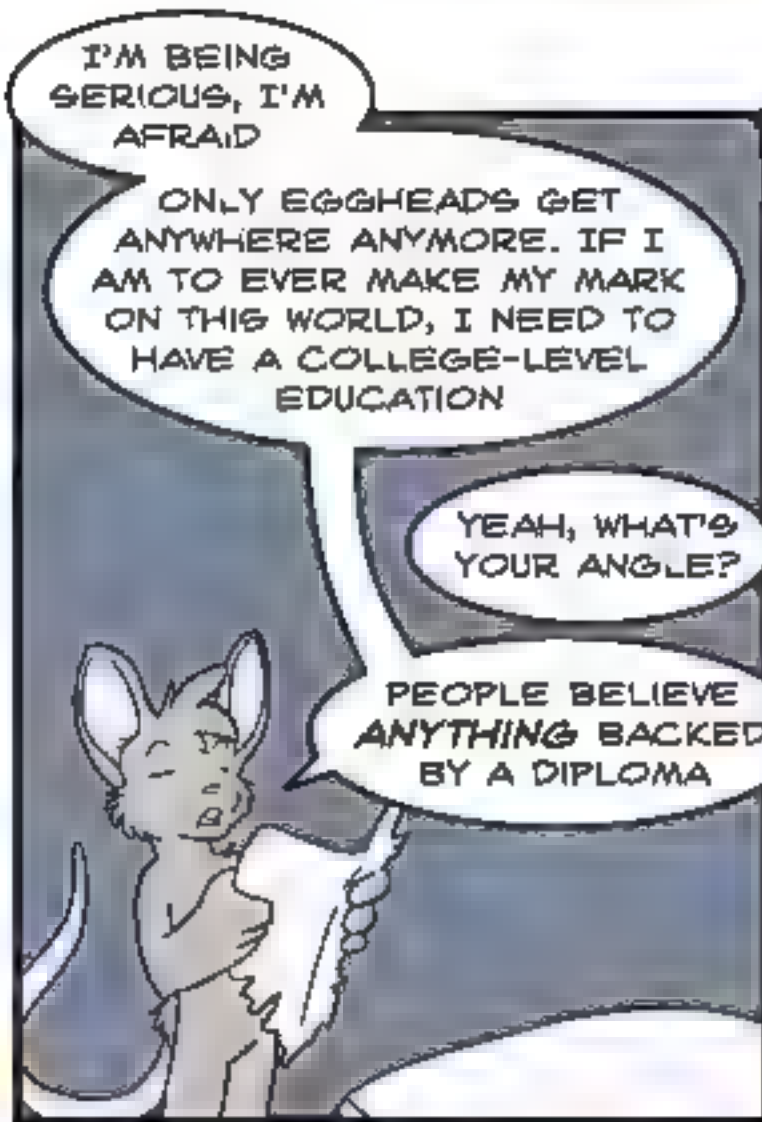
SO ... WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE WHOLE "IT WAS A DREAM" THING IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO NEGATE IT IMMEDIATELY?

SORRY, STANDARD CELESTIAL POLICY





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SOMEWHERE IN FLORIDA



... BECAUSE
IT LOOKED LIKE
A MOUSE,
ALRIGHT?!

ALRIGHT YA
KNUCKLEHEADS, THE
ZOO IS OPENING IN
ONE WEEK

VACATION
TIME IS
OVER!

THE PATRONS ARE
COUNTING ON US TO BE
CUTE AND ADORABLE! I
DON'T WANT TO SEE A SINGLE
HUMAN WITHOUT **SQUEE**
ETCHED INTO THEIR FACE
LIKE A REVERSE BOTOX
INJECTION!

YOU TWO! STOP
BEING LAZY! WE HAVE TO
PRACTICE FOR OPENING
DAY!

WHAT DO YOU
THINK WE'RE
DOING?

OH,
RIGHT
CARRY ON

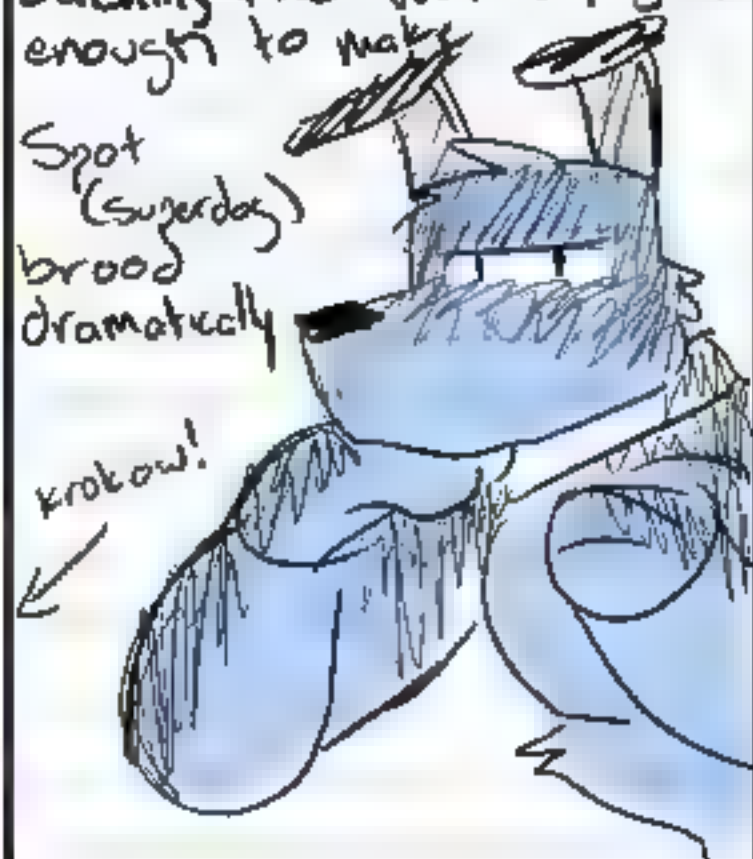
THE ADVENTURES OF SPOT



A great evil was approaching the world, great enough to make

Spot (superdog) brood dramatically

← krow!



NOOOOO



Spot why are you yelling No when nothing's even happened?

Sorry, I was looking into the future with my super-vision



Your super-vision can't do that

Spinning was involved

There's an evil coming!

(mule practice)



So? Do what you always do

But this problem ... can't be solved by punching!

Brood



Slap Slap



Get ahold of yourself! Listen to what you're saying.

I know!





And so somehow a single distributor was responsible for the **FAT PLAGUE**



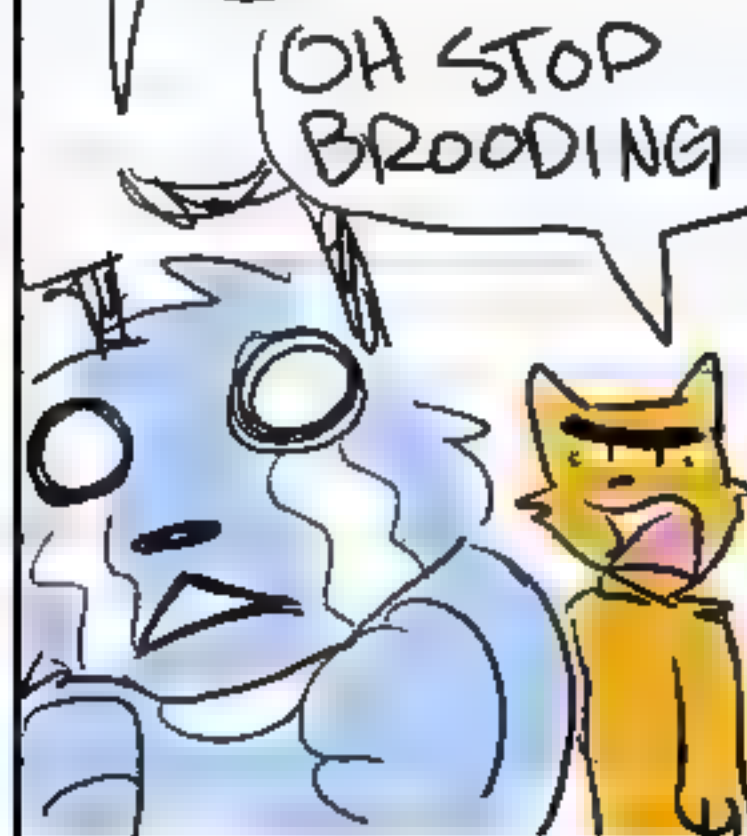
We're too late!
We were only on that mountain for half an hour, how did we miss this



You can't fight the poor dietary choices of millions!
YOU CAN'T PUNCH FAT AWAY!



Oh stripe, can't you see? It's **HOPELESS**



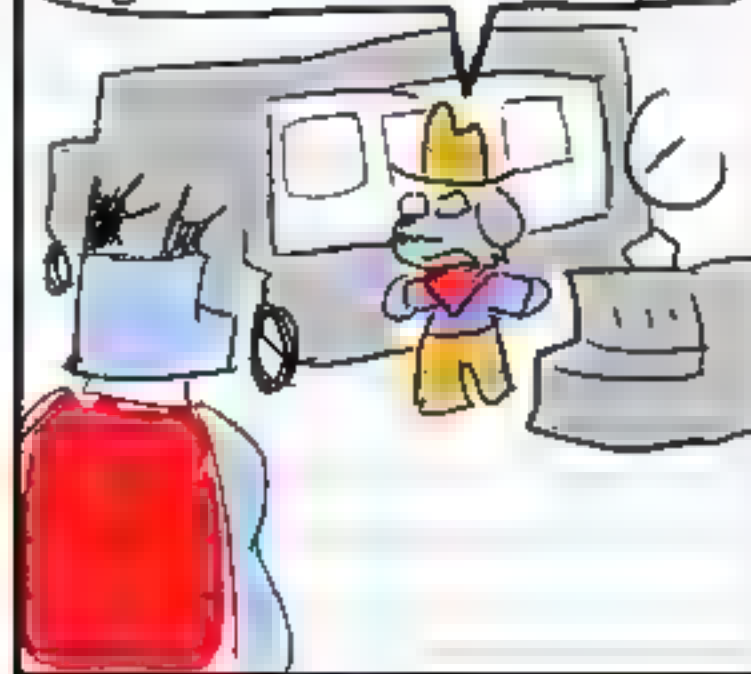
Use your super-intellect or some-thing! I can't do it for you cause I already had an issue to myself!



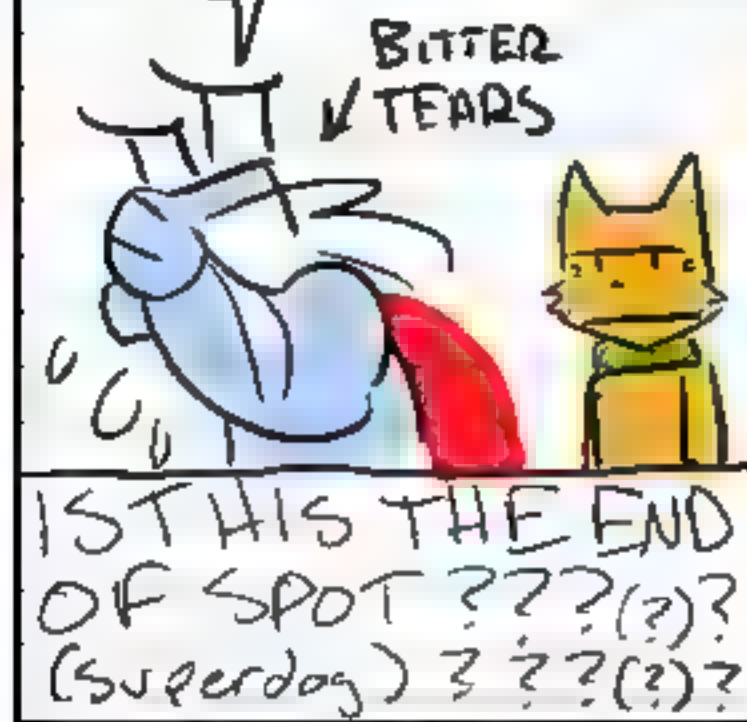
And so spot(supern) used his super-intellect to solve this problem



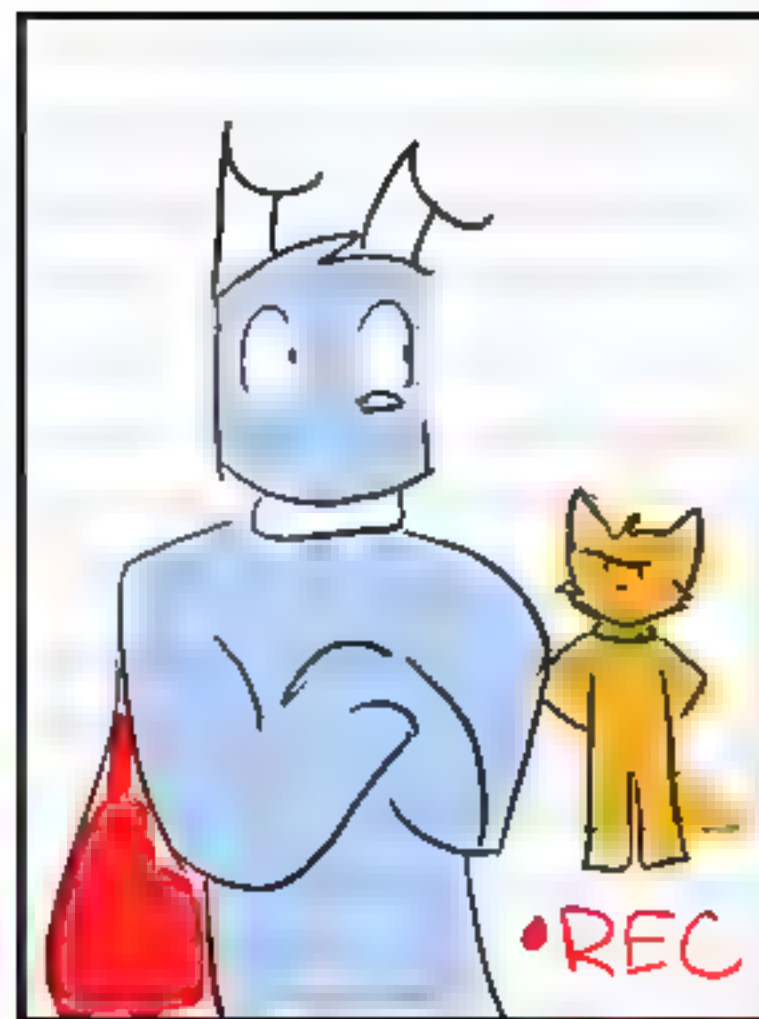
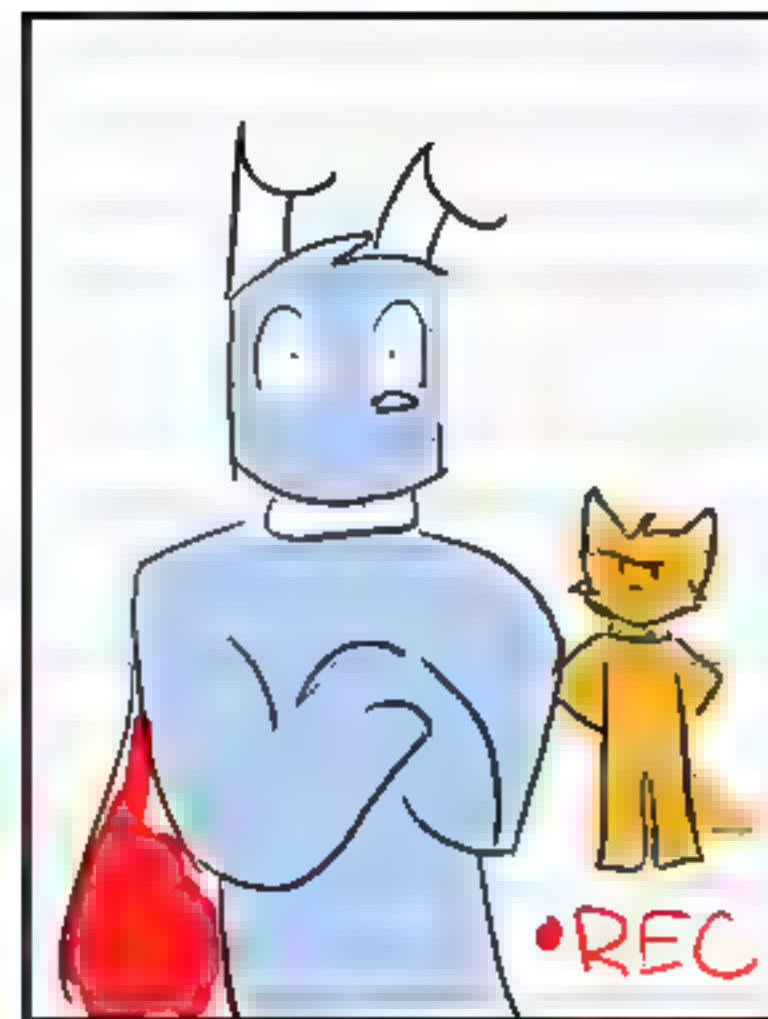
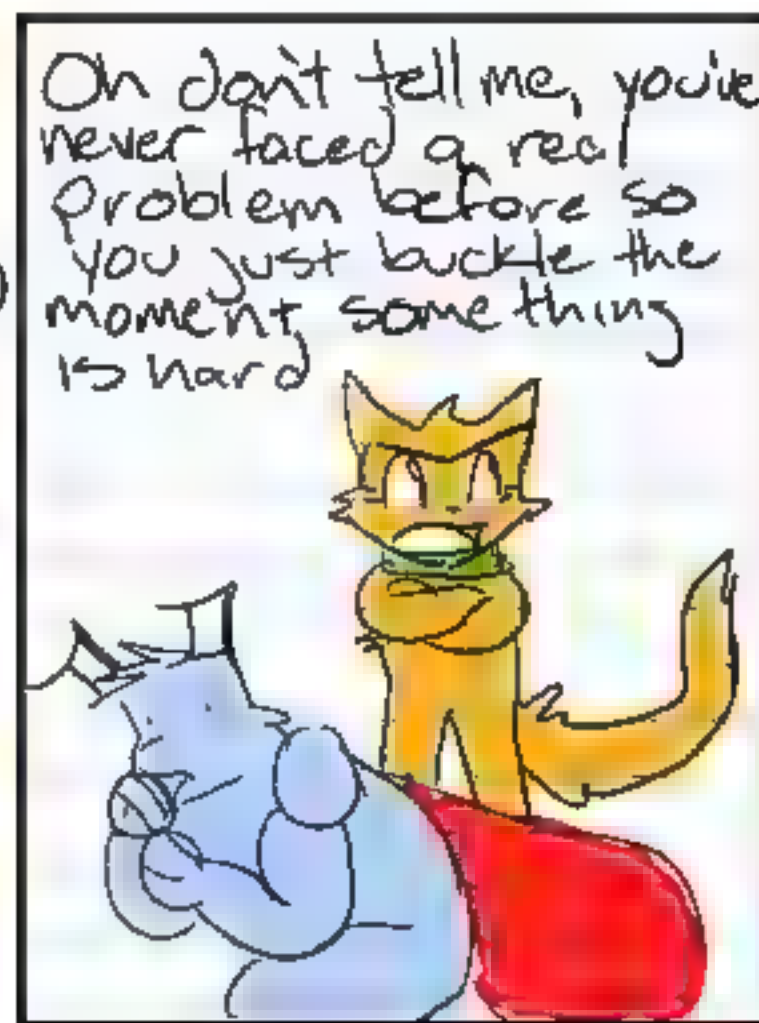
Oh no, I have all this public broad-casting equipment set up but no life-changing PSAs to play!

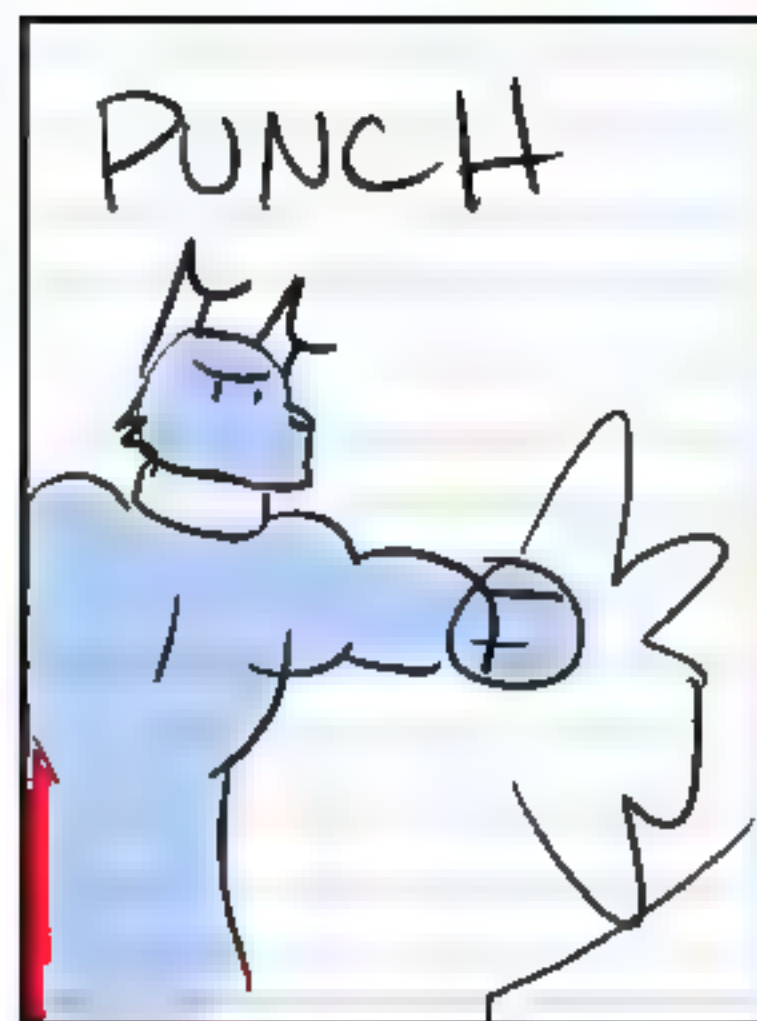
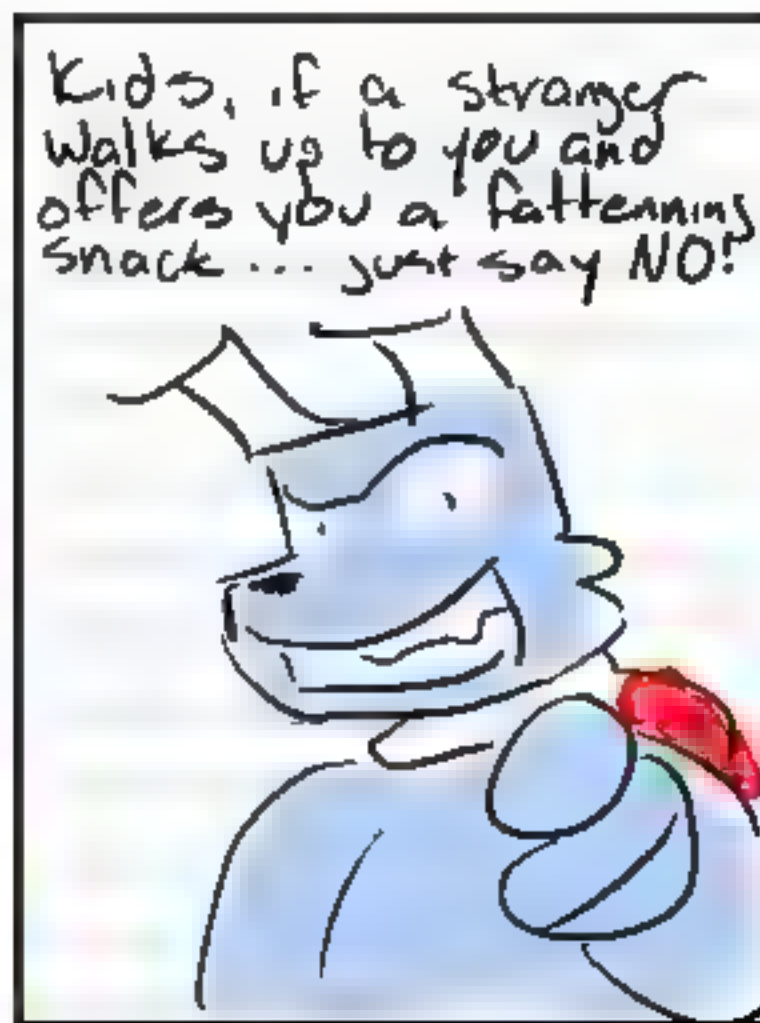


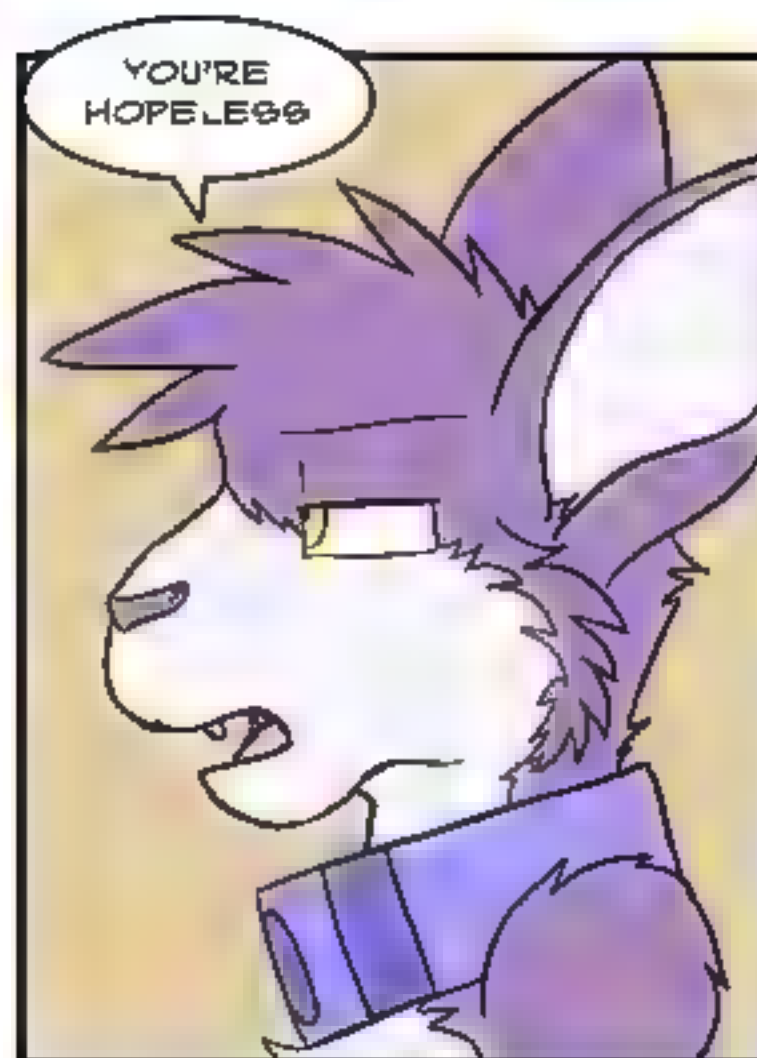
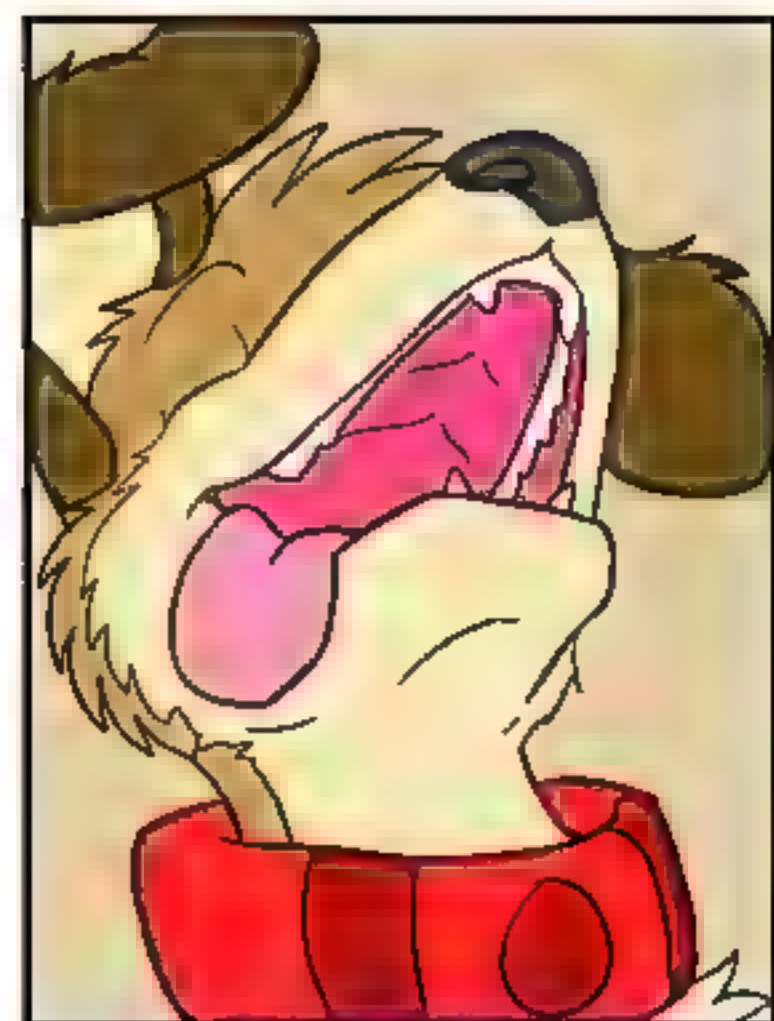
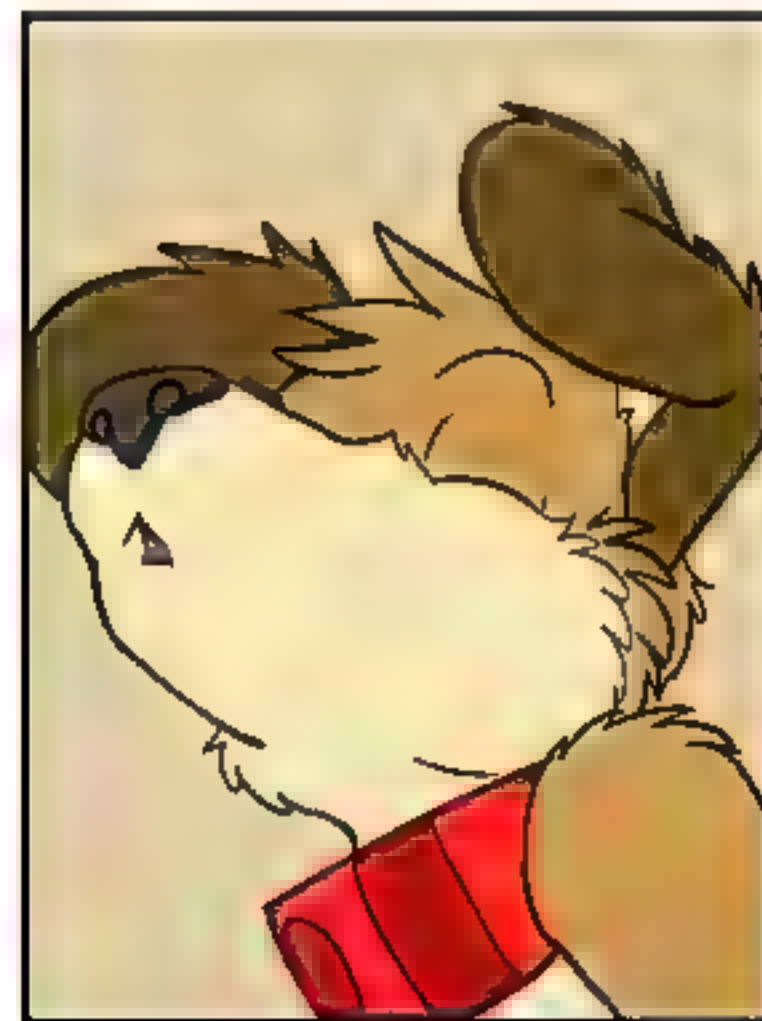
NOTHING! THERE'S NOTHING! AAAH



IS THIS THE END OF SPOT ??? (???) (superdog) ??? (???)









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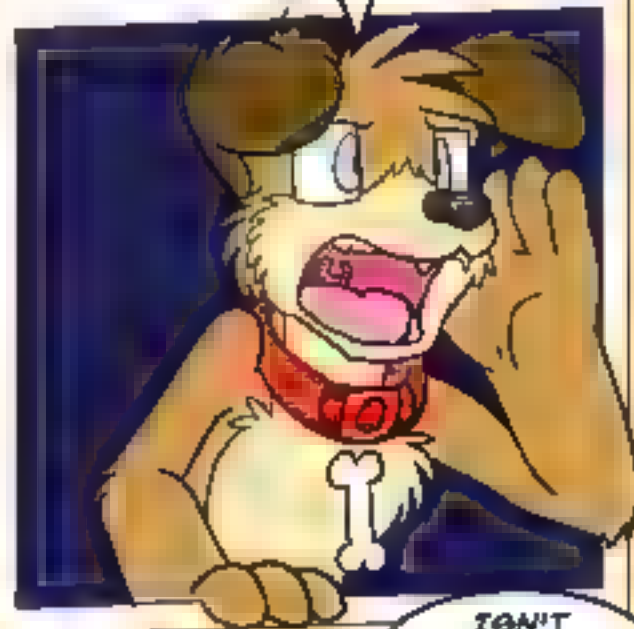


HEY TAROT! ARE
WE STILL GOING OUT
TOMORROW?



WHAT DID
YOU SAY?

I ASKED ARE WE
STILL GOING OUT
TOMORROW! WE HAVE
RESERVATIONS AT THAT
PLACE THAT SERVES
GARBAGE!



ISN'T
THAT A CAT
PLACE?

IT WAS BUT THEY
WENT CO-ED OR
WHATEVER; I WAS PRETTY
SURE WE ALREADY TALKED
ABOUT THIS WHICH IS WHY
I'M ASKING



NO THAT WAS
ME TELLING YOU
THAT YOU WERE
GOING TO TELL
ME TODAY

PEANUT WHY
CAN'T YOU JUST
CALL HER INSTEAD OF
BARKING ACROSS THE
NEIGHBORHOOD



SORRY
TAROT I HAVE
TO TALK TO YOU
LATER

DAD IS
~~BEING~~
EXTREMELY
RUDE



A WEEK EARLIER .

PEANUT!
WHAT
ARE YOU
UP TO
NOW?

WOW! RICK GRIFFIN'S
LAPTOP!

HEY! DON'T TOUCH
THAT! IF YOU RUIN IT,
THERE'LL BE NO NEW
COMICS NEXT WEEK!

UM ...GRAPE?

A PIECE WENT MISSING
AFTER I OPENED IT, AND
I KEEP GETTING THIS
ERROR MESSAGE. IS IT
BROKEN?

WHAT? THE BLUE
SCREEN OF DEATH!?

THIS IS BAD! MAYBE WE
SHOULD JUST PRETEND
NOTHING HAPPENED,
YEAH...

A WEEK LATER...

GRAPE! EVERYTHING'S
DRAWN ON LINE PAPER! YOU JUST HAD
WHERE'S THE COLOR TO MESS WITH
AND INK? THE LAPTOP .

GRAAAAAPE!

I LOVE TOO YOU
TOO PEANUT...

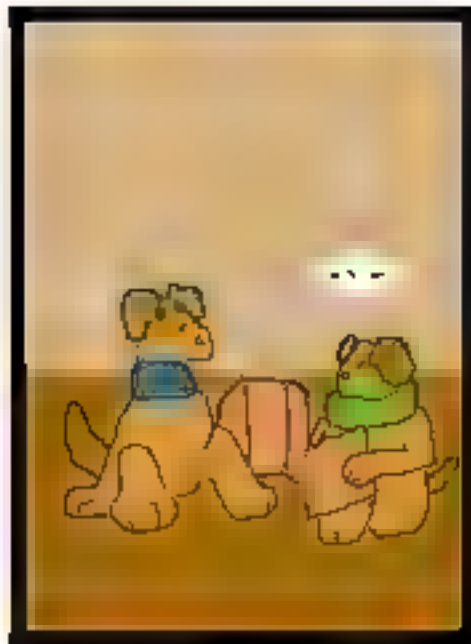
NO! WELL, YES THANKS,
I LOVE YOU TOO BUT...
DO YOU REMEMBER THE
AGREEMENTS WE MADE?

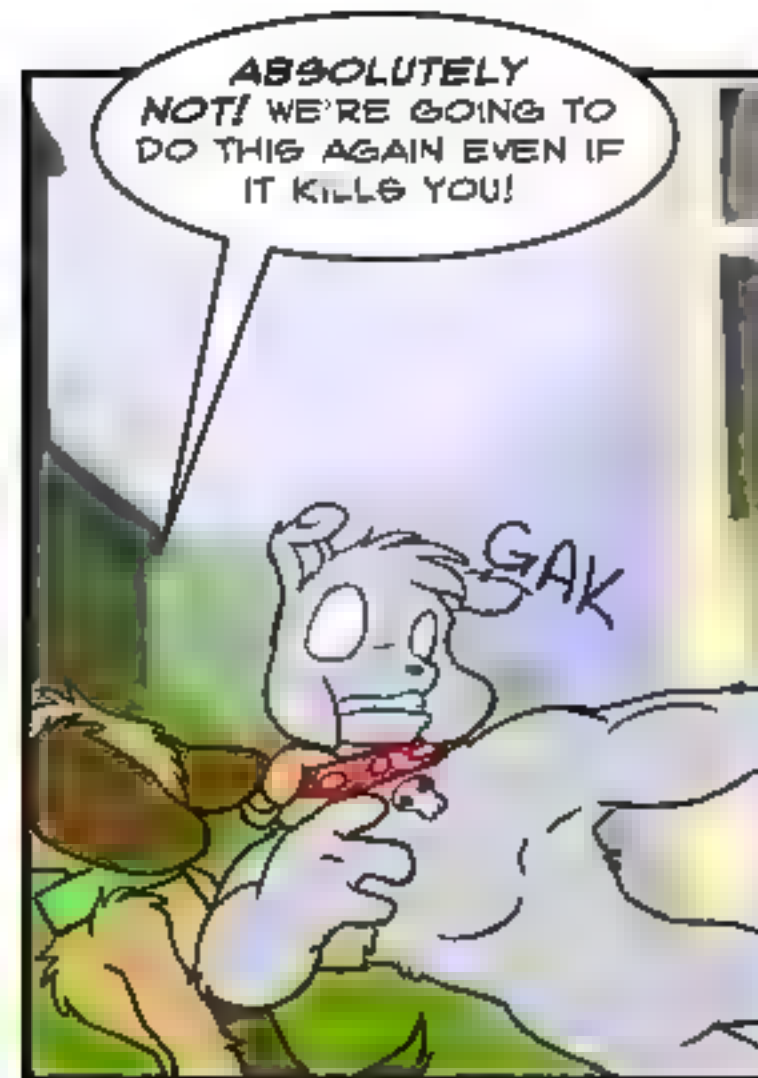
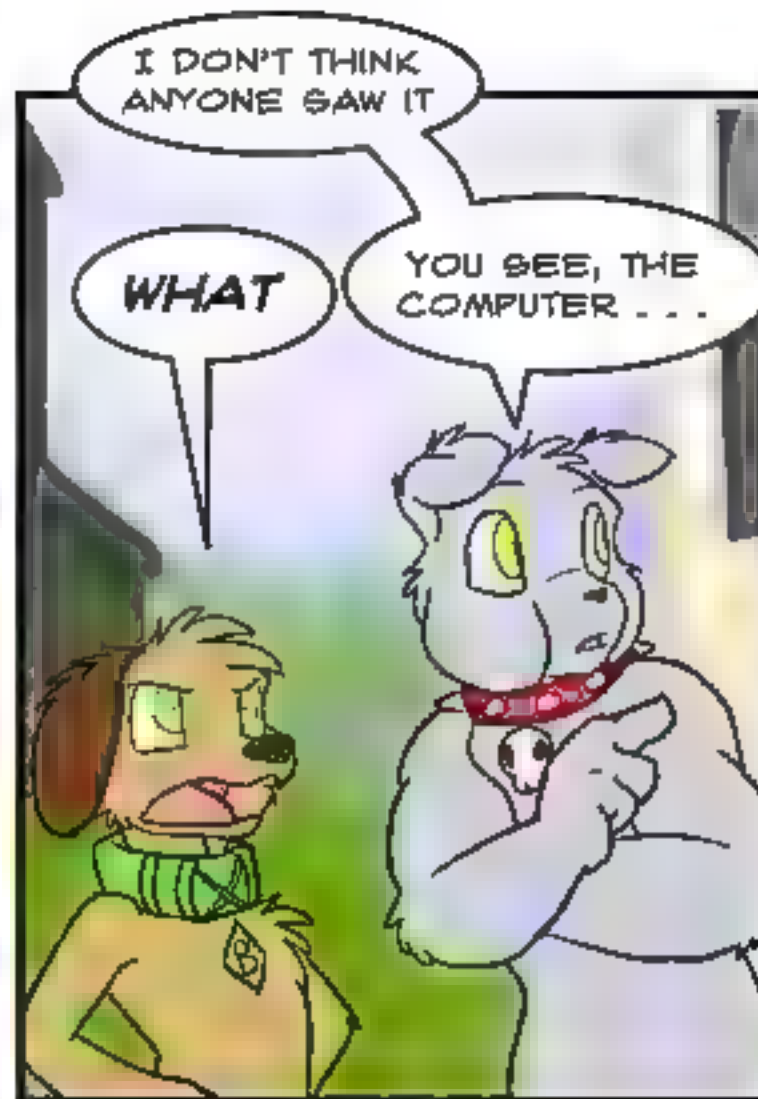
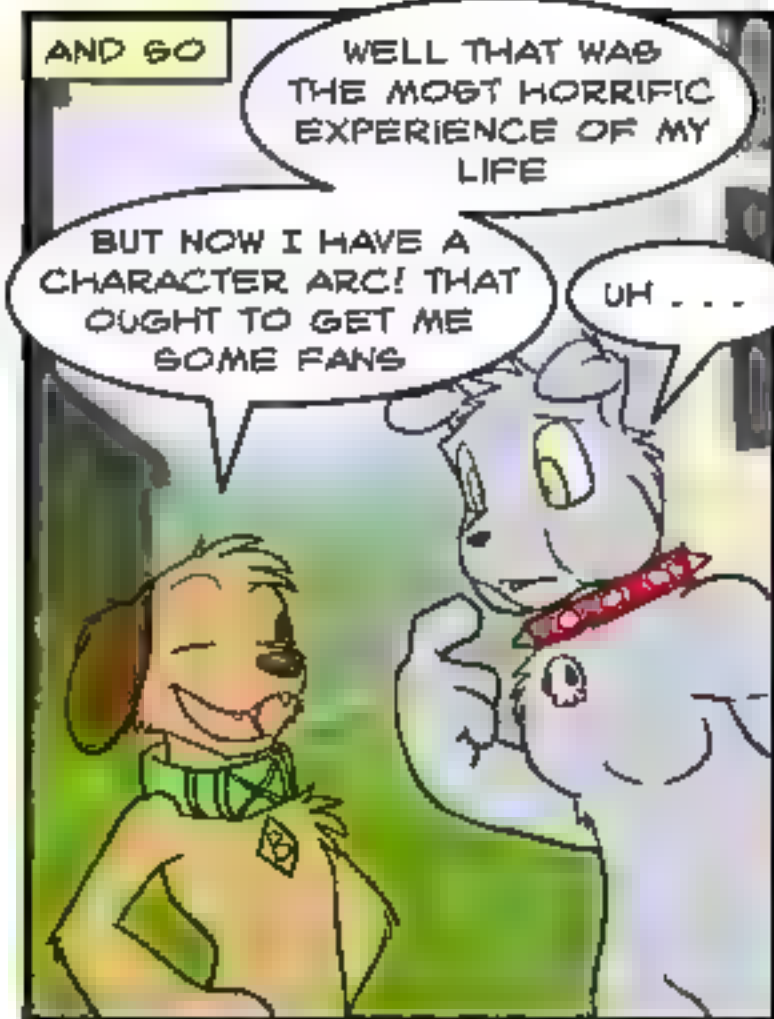
I GUESS IT'S NOT THE: "LEAVE
GRAPE ALONE UNLESS THE
HOUSE IS ON FIRE OR
SOMETHING" AGREEMENT

GRAPE

GRAPE

ACTUALLY, THAT'S THE ONE





IT'S
RECORDING,
RIGHT? WE'RE NOT
DOING THIS A
THIRD TIME

YEAH, THE
LITTLE RED
LIGHT IS ON



●REC

REX! HELP ME! I
WAS SWORDFIGHTING WITH A
GRIZZLY BEAR AND HE GOT A
LUCKY BLOW ON MY COLLAR!
HOWEVER I TOTALLY BEAT HIM
AND HE RAN INTO THE
WOODS LIKE A PANSY

I DON'T
REMEMBER YOU
SAYING THAT



●REC

I DID NOT ASK
FOR YOUR CRITIQUE;
JUST READ THE LINES
I GAVE YOU

"OKAY, B: NO, I
WILL GO AND RETRIEVE
YOUR SPARE COLLAR,
PROVIDED I AM NOT
DETAINED BY PETS WHO
WISH YOU HARM"



●REC

"IF I TAKE TOO LONG
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I WAS
BUSY DEFENDING YOUR
HARD-WON HONOR"

OKAY YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE TO
EXPLAIN THAT

NO
COMMENTARY
EITHER!



●REC

IT HAS BEEN FAR
TOO LONG! FOR REASONS
UNRELATED TO ME BEING
ALONE IN THE WOODS AT
NIGHT, I WILL LEAVE MY
HIDING SPOT!

IT IS
TIME FOR
ACTION

OH NO!
SOMEONE HAS
REARRANGED ALL THE
TREES IN THE FOREST,
MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO FIND MY WAY
HOME!



USING MY KEEN
INSTINCTS, HOWEVER, I
WILL TAKE THE **ABSOLUTE
BEST POSSIBLE** COURSE
OF ACTION AND HEAD
OUT THAT WAY!



BY THE WAY, I
LOOK **INCREDIBLY**
MACHO BEHIND THE
CENSOR BAR



WHERE
AM I?

I CALL OUT, A
LONELY VOICE INTO THE
WOODS. FAINTLY I HEAR
THE SOUNDS OF REX,
WHO SAYS . . .

YOU WEREN'T
NARRATING WHEN YOU
WERE LOST, SO HOW IS
THIS AN ACCURATE
RE-ENACTMENT?

THAT'S IT! GIVE ME
THE CAMERA, WE'RE
DOING THIS BLAIR WITCH
STYLE

BINO STOP!
THIS IS MY
CAMERA

LEGGGO! HAND
IT OVER!

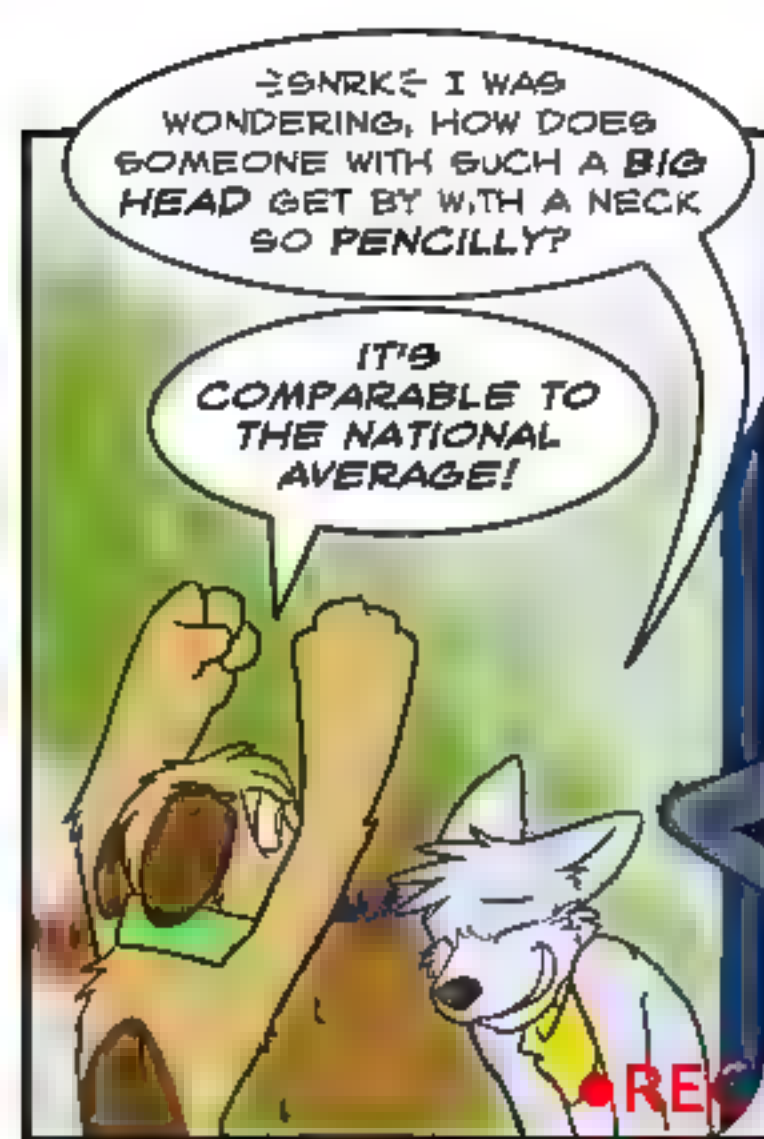
OW! STOP IT,
BINO GET OFF
ME! OW!

WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
SHOVING ME
YOU BIG--

NOW THIS PART
I REMEMBER



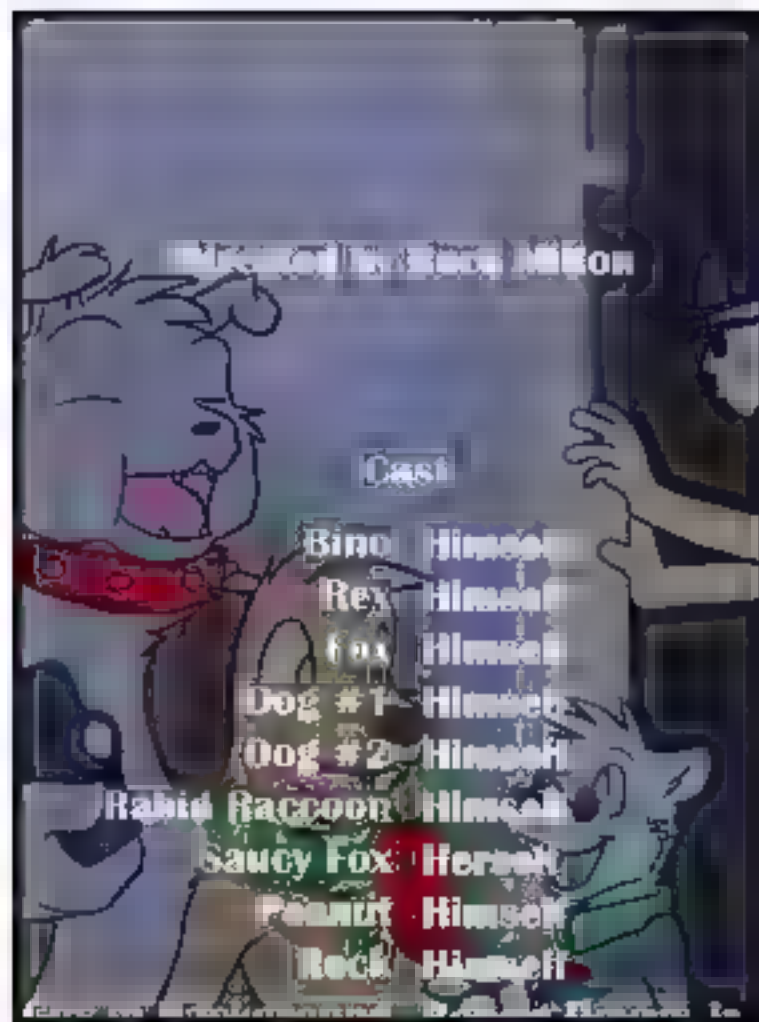
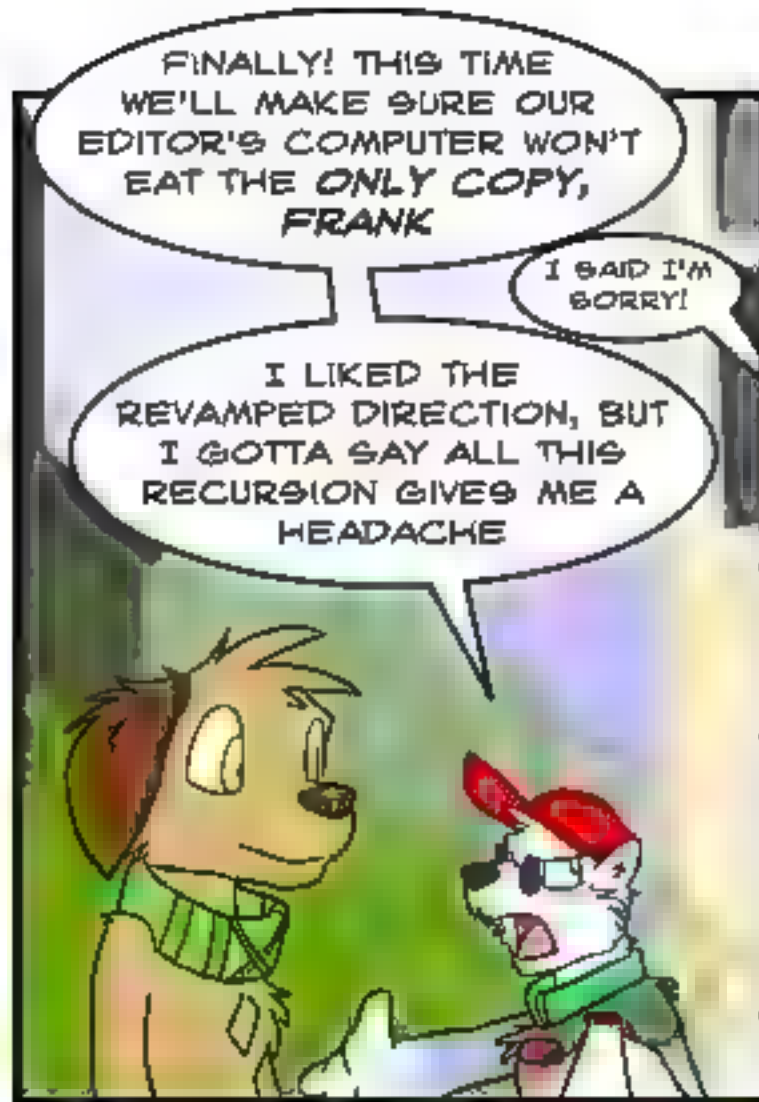
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LANA BABY!
TALK TO ME!

WHY YES, I AM TALKING
ON THE SATPHONE WHILE
IN THE POOL

NO, IT'S STILL
FILLED WITH GELATIN
FROM LAST NIGHT

WHAT?

...
GRAPE
FLAVORED

WELL THERE'S ONLY 60
MANY THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH
AN OLYMPIC SIZED POOL, AND I
FIND DRY GOODS JUST DON'T
CUT IT

YEAH, WE WERE THINKING
OF CHANGING OUT THE WAVE
MACHINE FOR A NINETY-FOOT
WATERFALL

WHAT'S
THAT?

LANA, COME ON; I'D
BE THE FIRST TO TELL
YOU IF WE WERE LETTING
UNBRIDLED HEDONISM GO
TO OUR HEADS

LOOK, LET'S DISCUSS
THIS LATER OVER A FULL BODY
MASSAGE. THE CHOCOLATE
FONDUE JACUZZI SOUND
OKAY?

SOMEWHERE IN THE COSMOS



WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PETE?

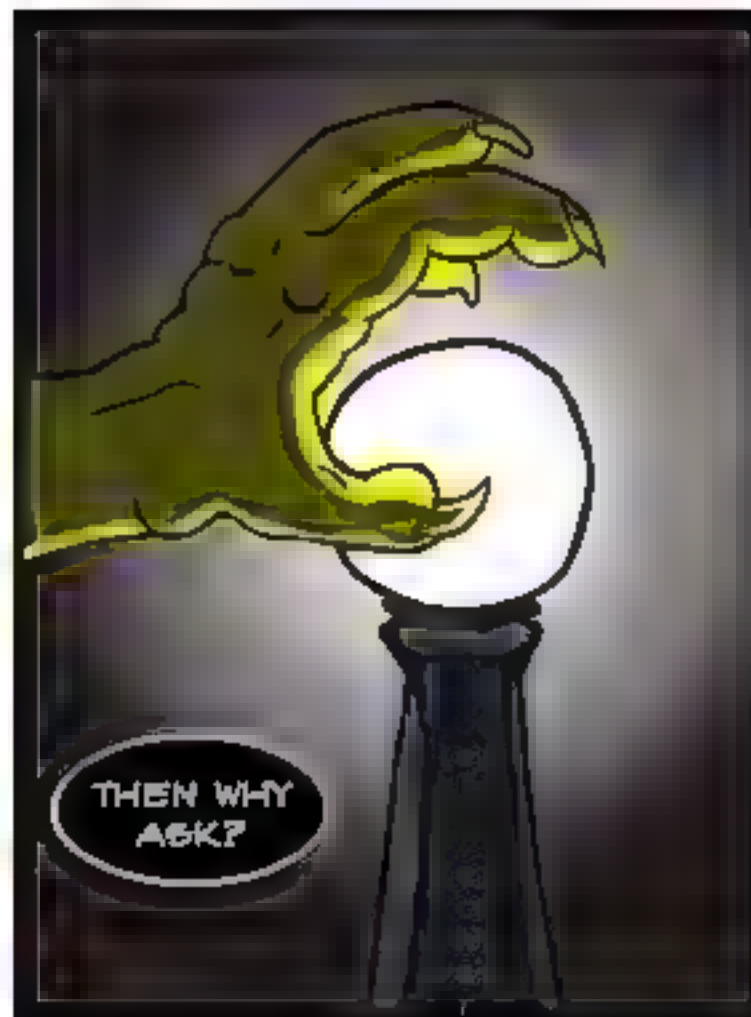
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T TELL DRAGON



COME ON, I'M BOUND TO BE IMPARTIAL; IT'S NOT ANY FUN OTHERWISE. EVEN IF YOU'RE A JERK



BESIDES, I CAN ALREADY GUESS WHY YOU'RE HERE

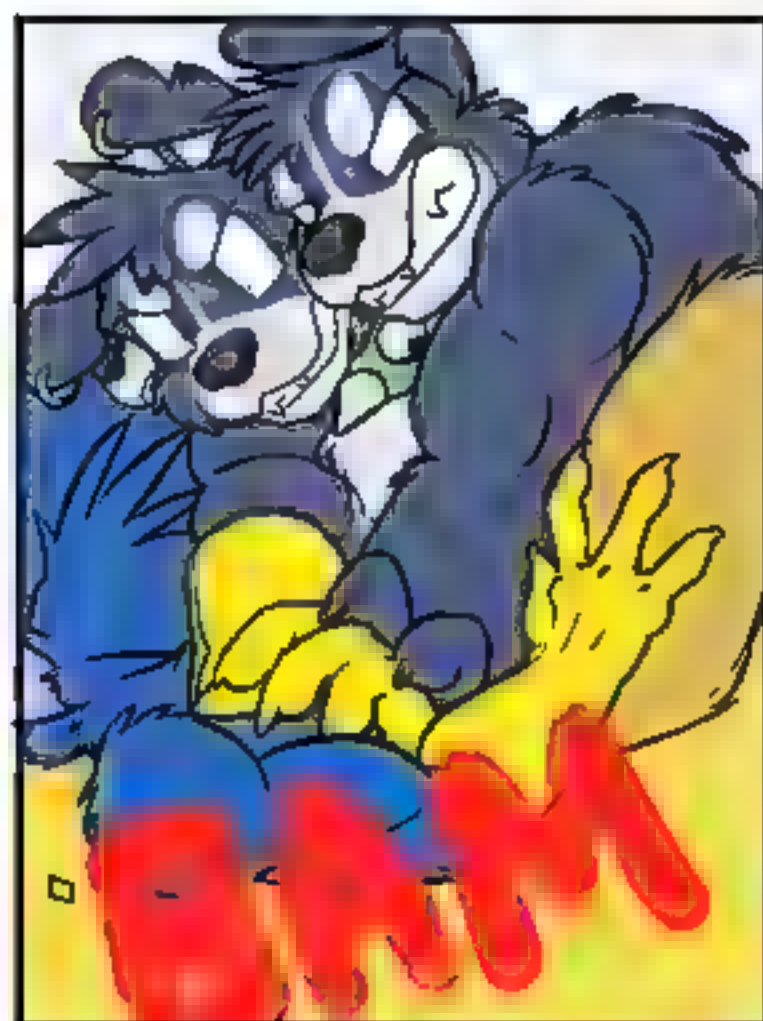
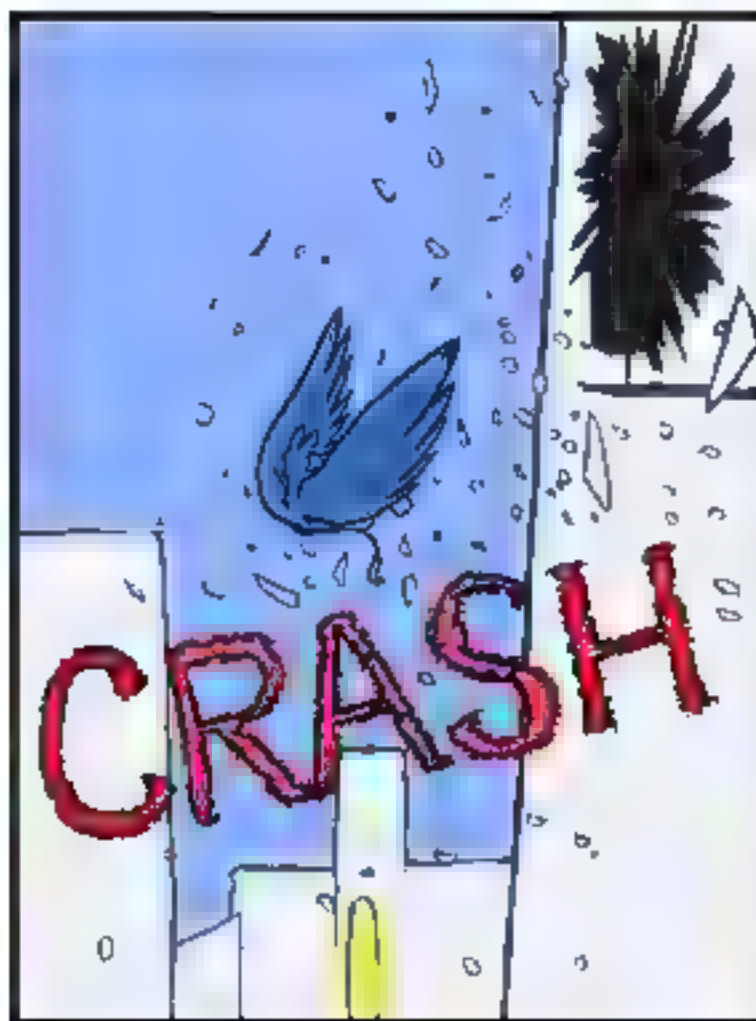
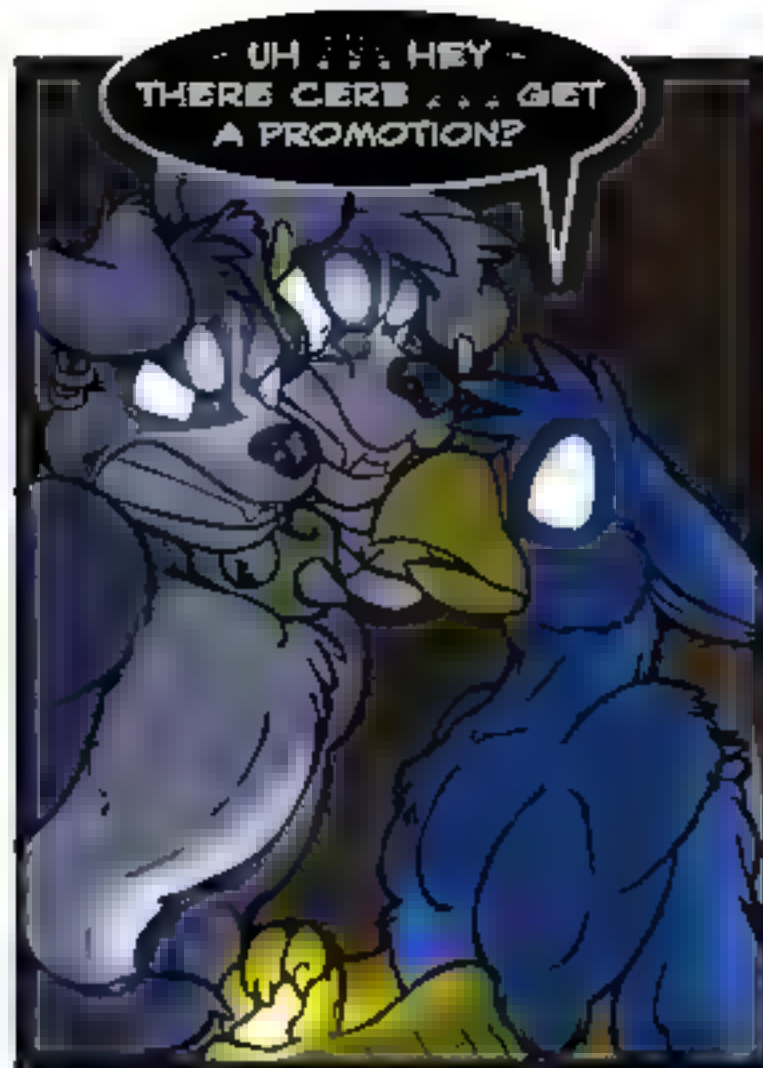


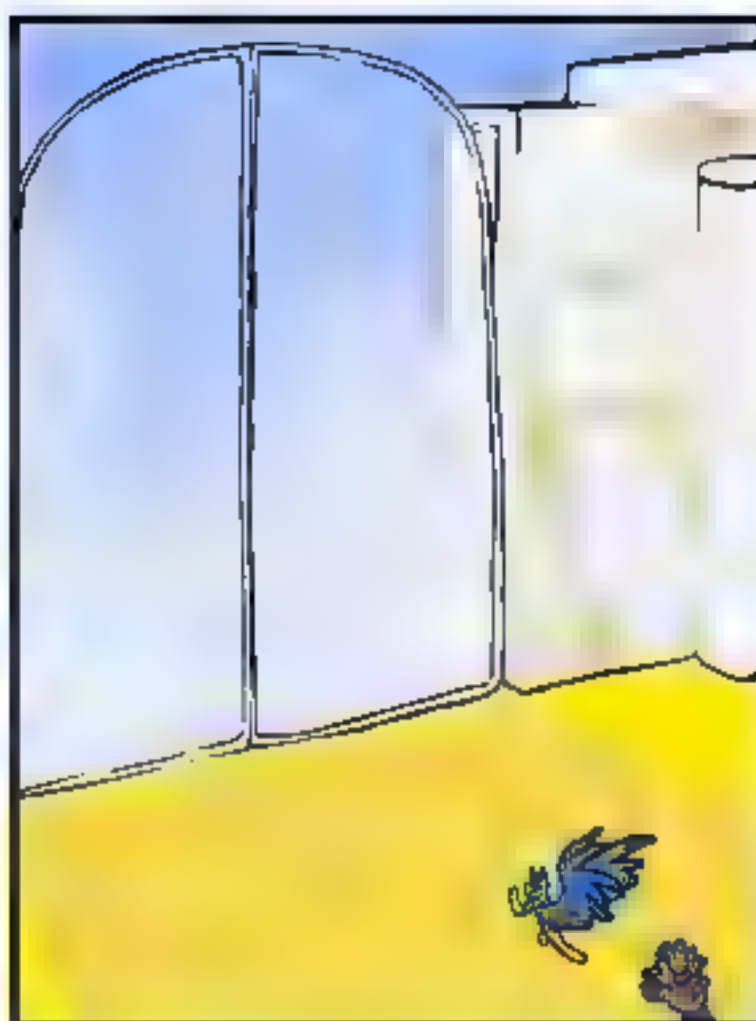
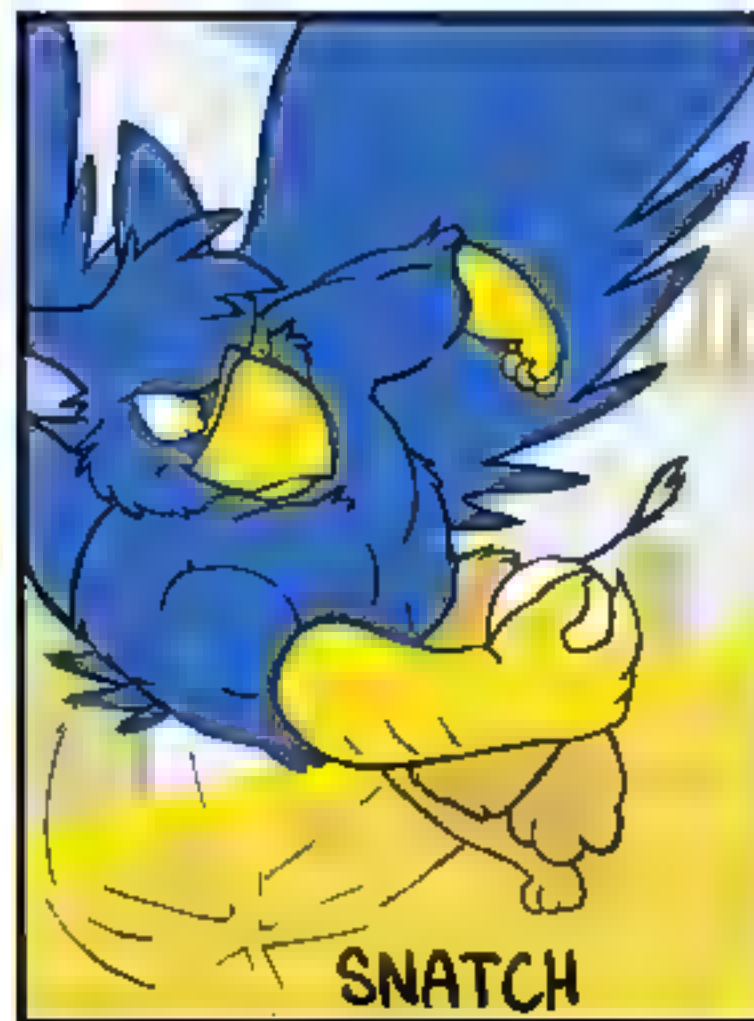
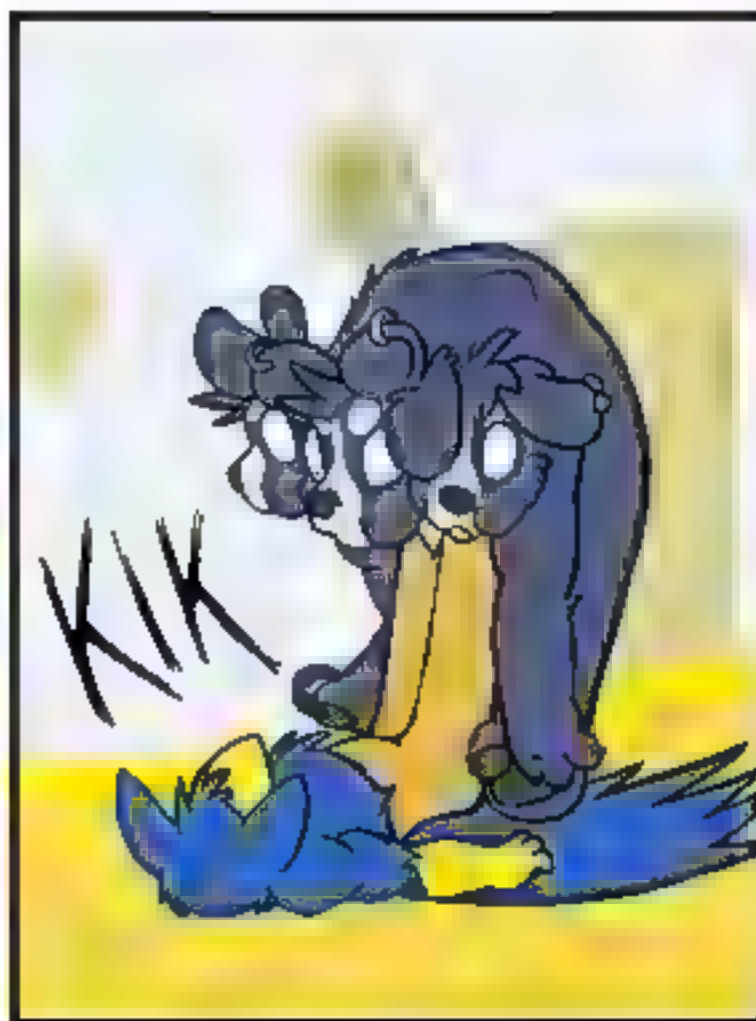
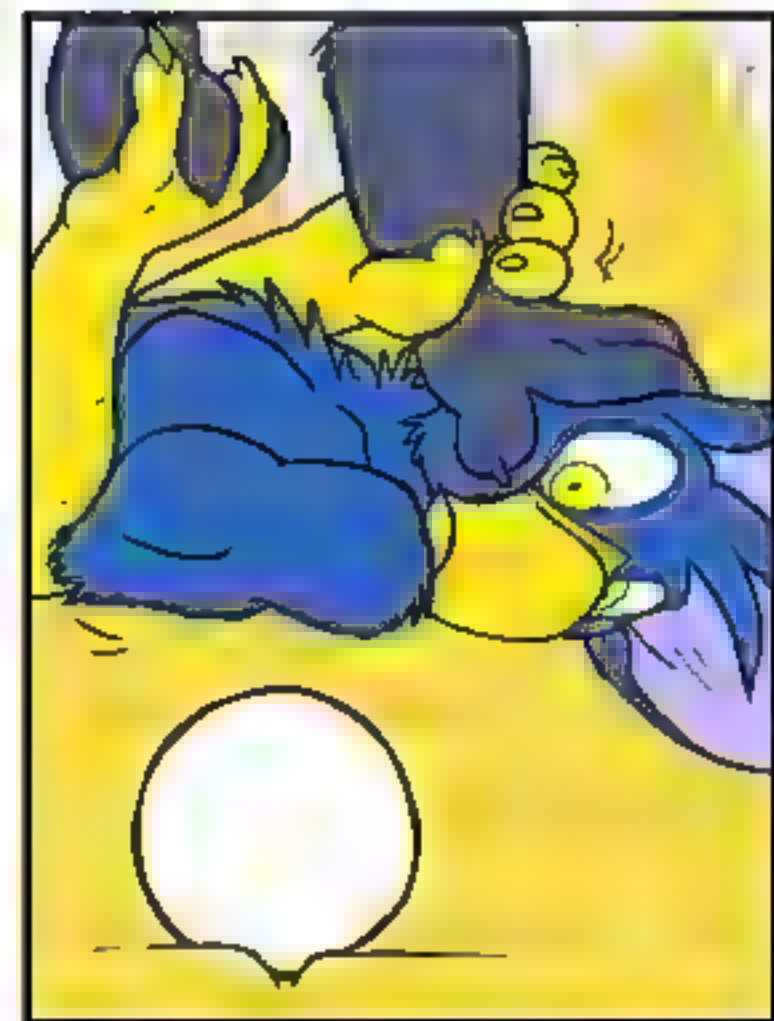
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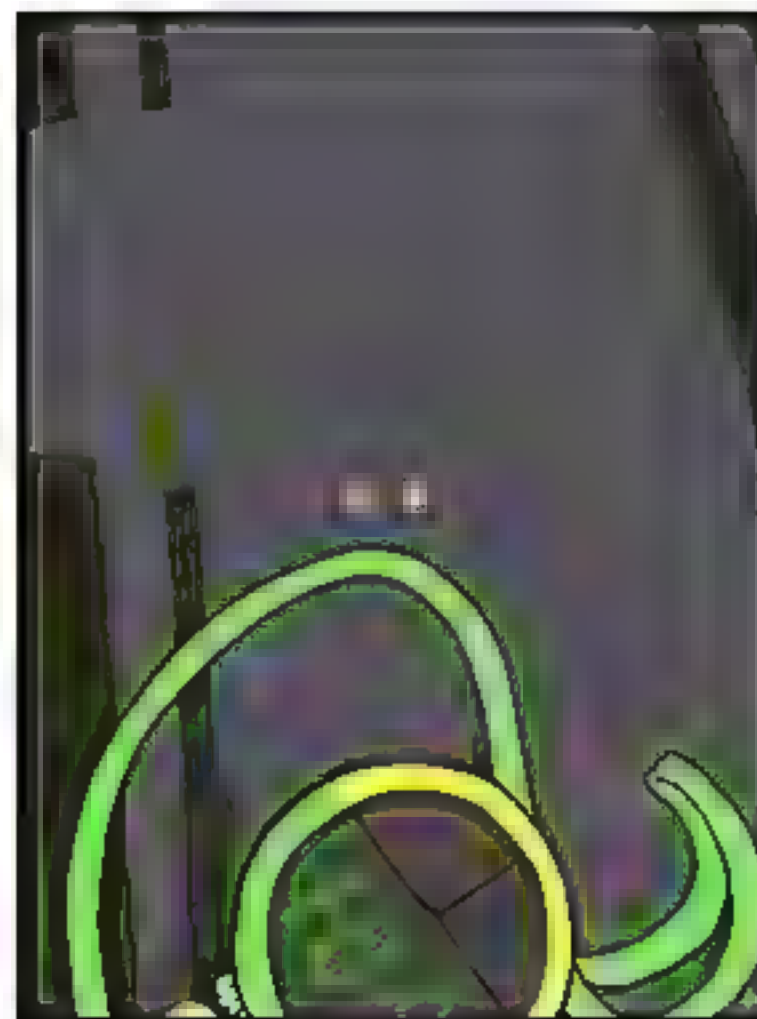
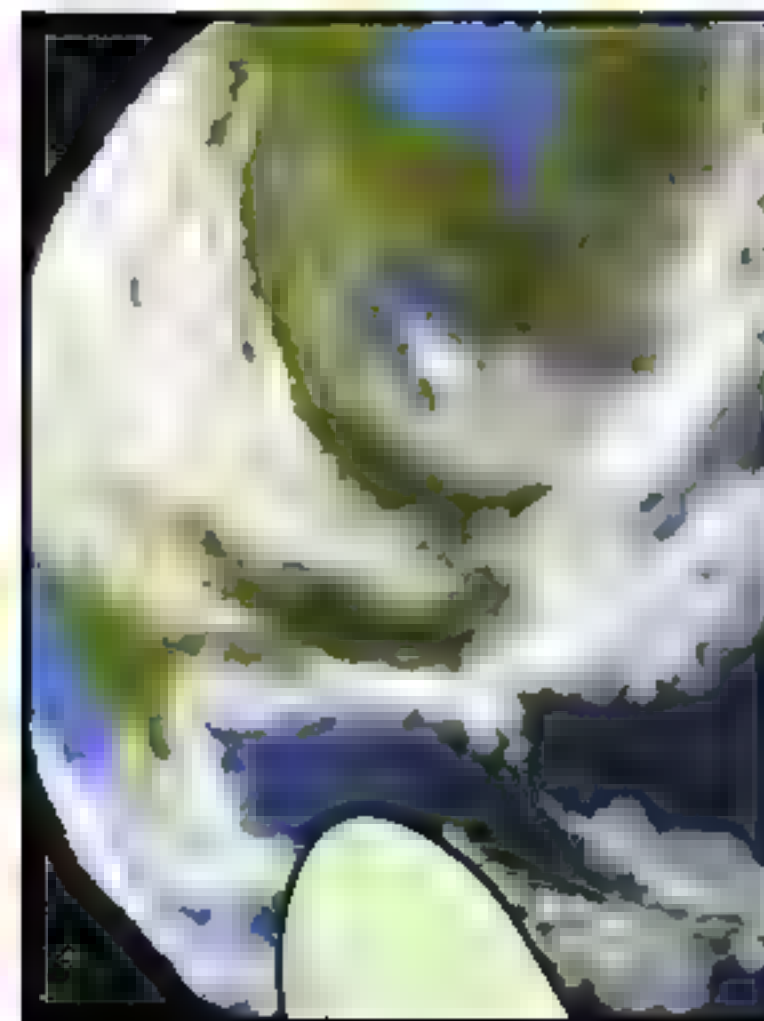


BECAUSE I WAS FAIRLY SURE HEAVEN HAS A STRICT POLICY AGAINST SMASH-AND-GRAB

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH

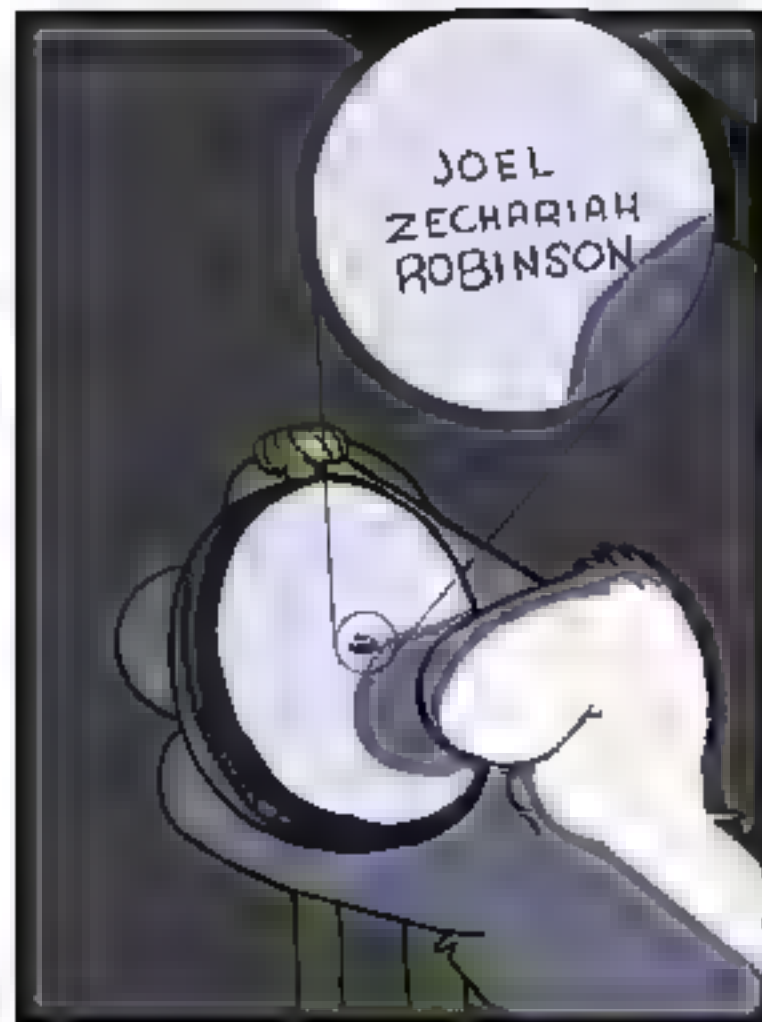




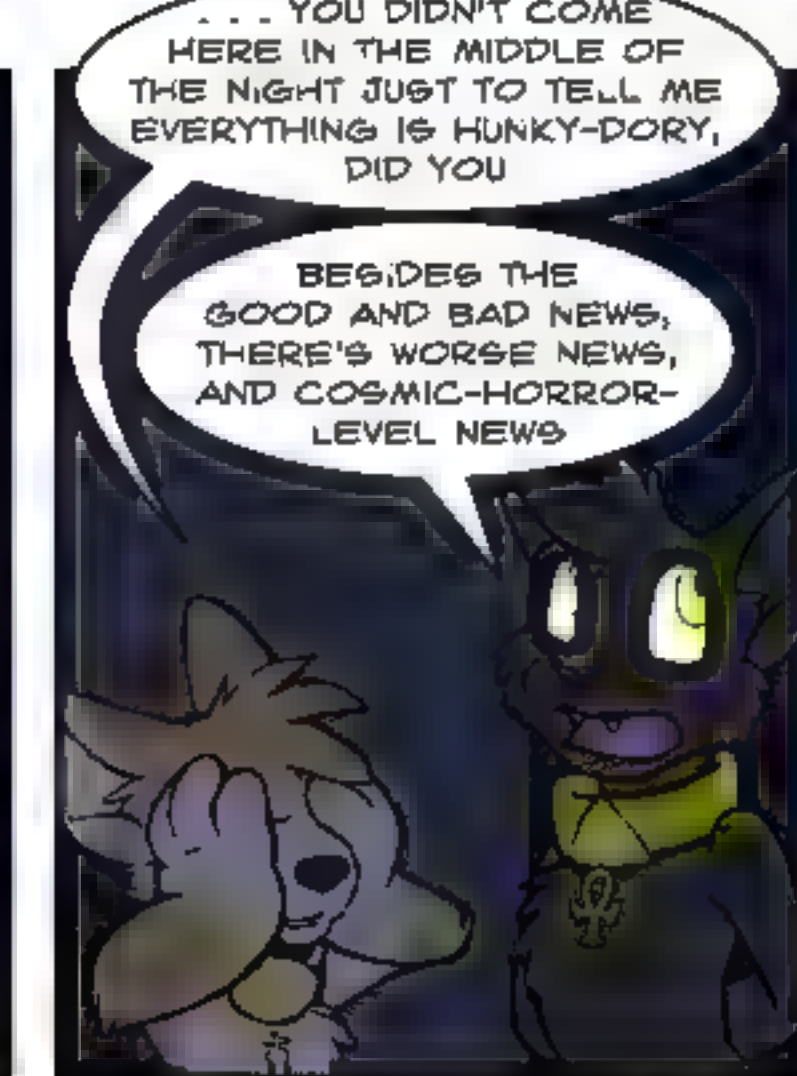




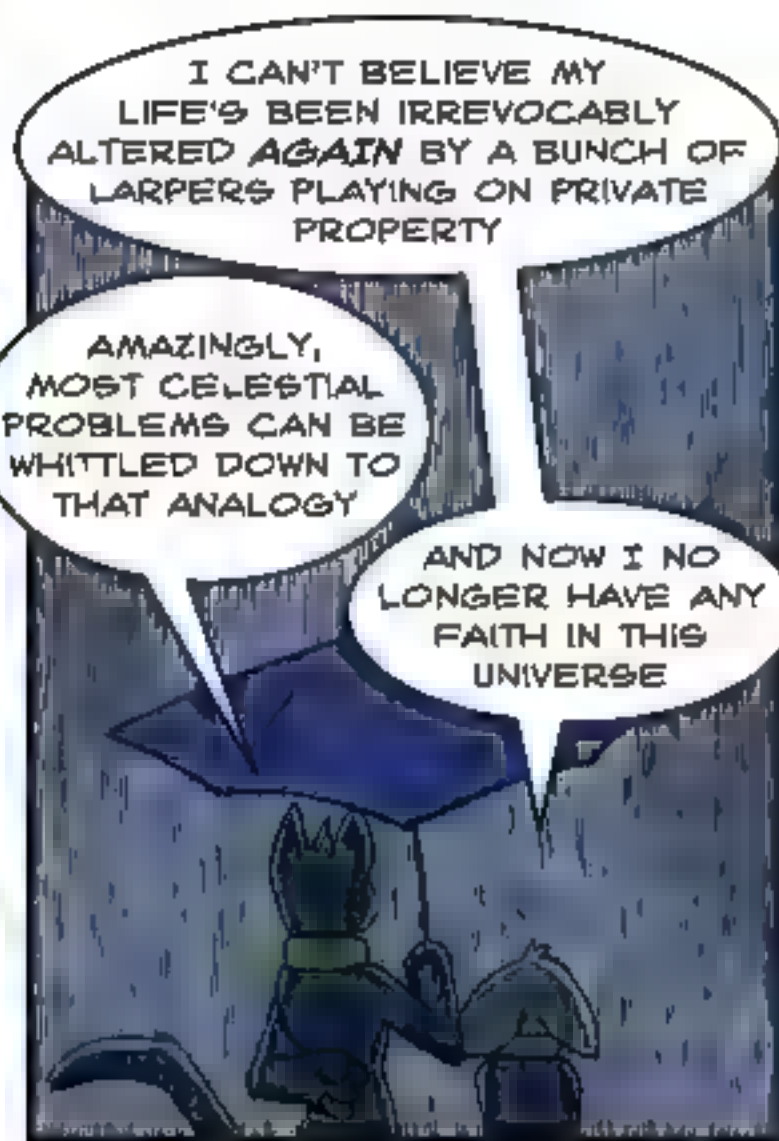
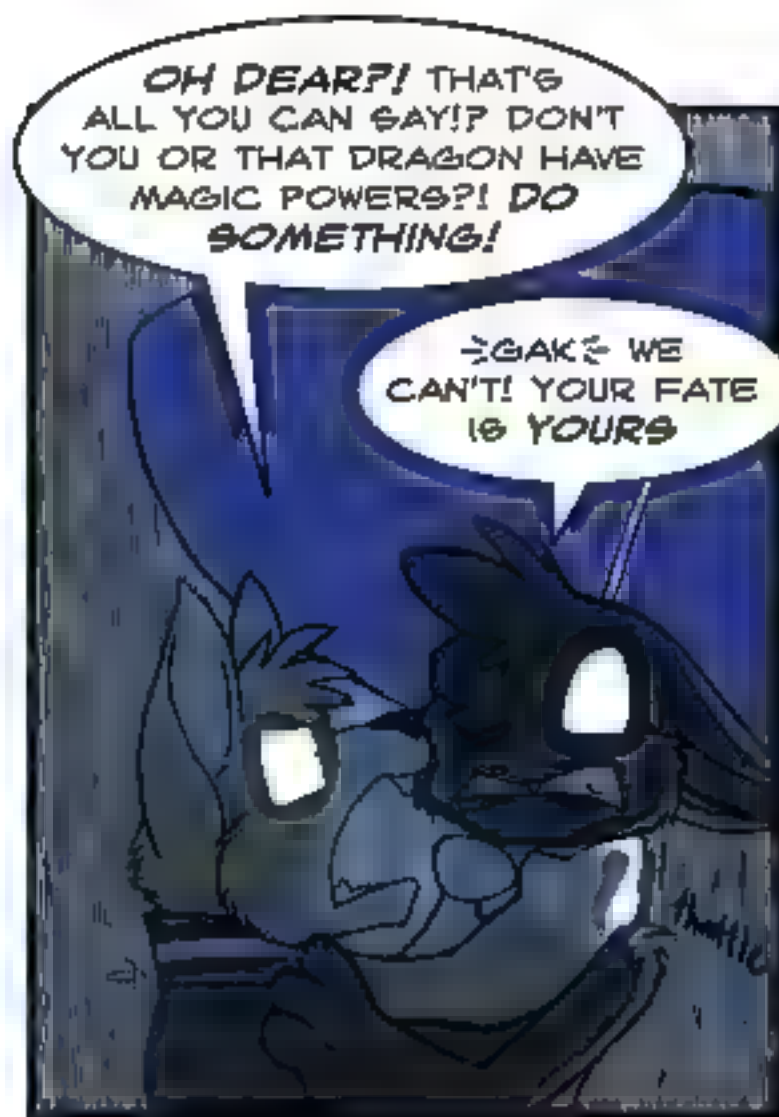
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NEXT DAY

SO THEN I SAID,
"I COULD BECOME A
WATCHDOG!"

HA!

BINO GIVE
IT BACK!

OH-HO-HO!
GOOD MORNING,
SQUIRT, WHERE'D
YOU COME
FROM?

ARE YOU
ACTING LIKE
SANTA?

REX,
SHUT UP

I REMEMBER
NOW! B.NO, HE FOUND
IT LAST NIGHT. GIVE IT
BACK TO HIM

NO WAY! HE
D,DN'T WANT IT AND
NOW IT'S MINE

WHO
SAYS?! IT
DOESN'T HAVE
YOUR NAME
ON IT!

THEN LET'S SEE,
WHO IS THIS JOEL
PERGON?

JOEL WAS
HEREP!

WELL THIS
IS HIS WATCH,
SO ...

I-I'M
SERIOUS!
I NEED
THAT--

KING, LET ME
TALK TO YOU FOR
A SECOND ...

SCOOOT

THAT WATCH BELONGED TO
THE GUY WHO KIDNAPPED ME. FOR
ALL I CARE B.NO CAN DO WHAT HE
WANTS. DON'T GET MIXED UP IN
THIS

BUT
I--

MY DAD GIVES ME A
REAL BIG ALLOWANCE. I'LL
BUY YOU A WATCH IF YOU
REALLY WANT ONE

BUT I
NEED THAT
WATCH

I AM **NOT** BEING LIGHT
ABOUT THIS, KING. UNLESS
YOU HAVE A **PROFOUNDLY**
GOOD REASON TO EXPECT MY
SUPPORT, I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING

IS THERE
SOMETHING YOU
NEED TO TELL
ME?

HERE! THIS
MYSTIC CAN
TELL YOU THAT
THIS WATCH IS
PART OF MY
LIFE FORCE!

KING WAS
TOTALLY
JOEL BEFORE
HE MET YOU,
SO IT MAKES
SENSE

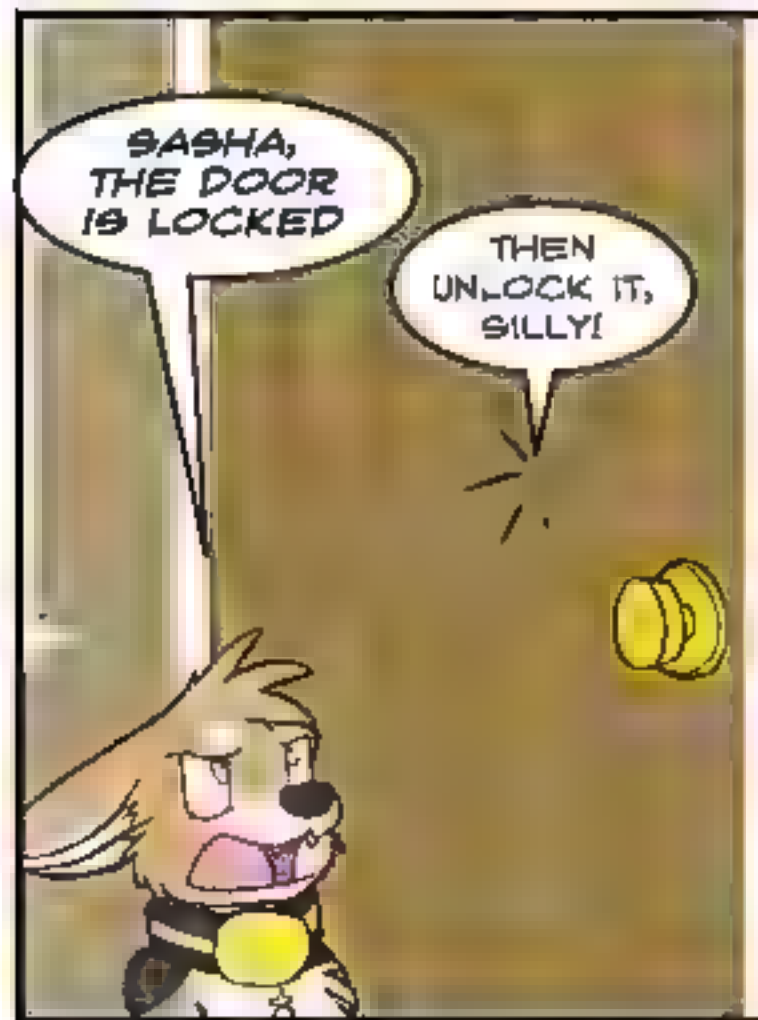
OH NO!
YOU WERE
THIS GUY I
HATE! I CAN
NEVER TRUST
YOU AGAIN,
KING!

AND NOW
I HAVE NO
FRIENDS AND
AM A LOSER!
THOUGH I
WAS ONE
ALREADY

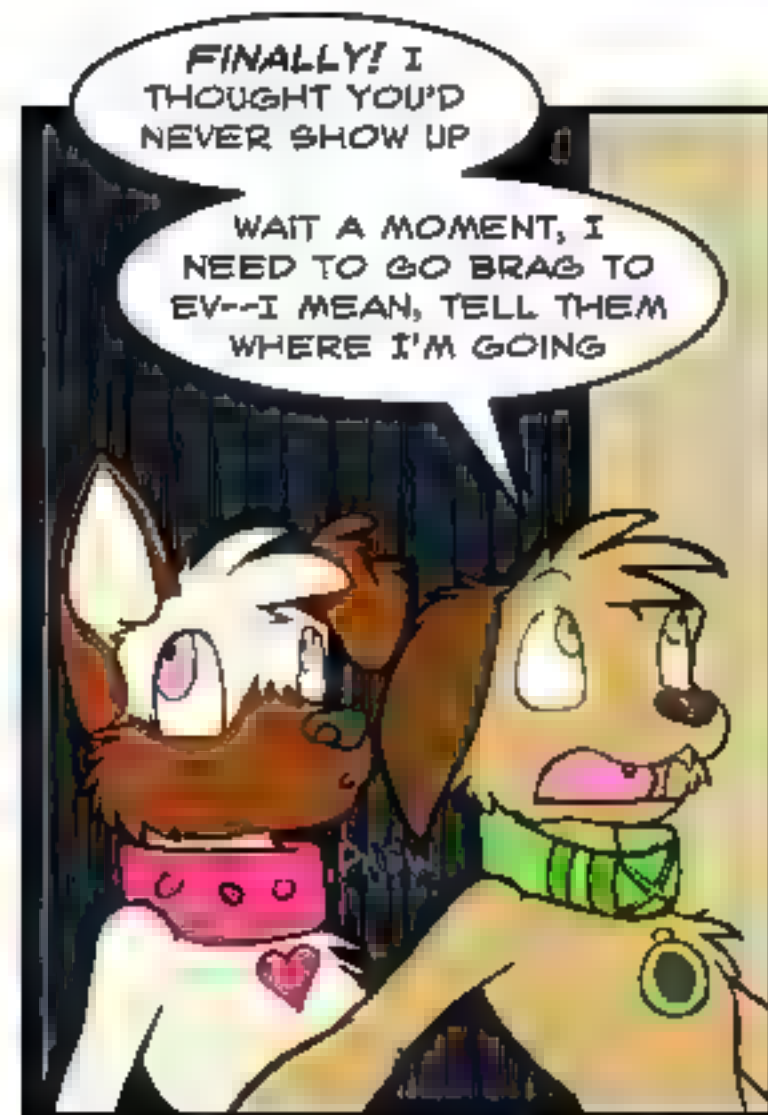
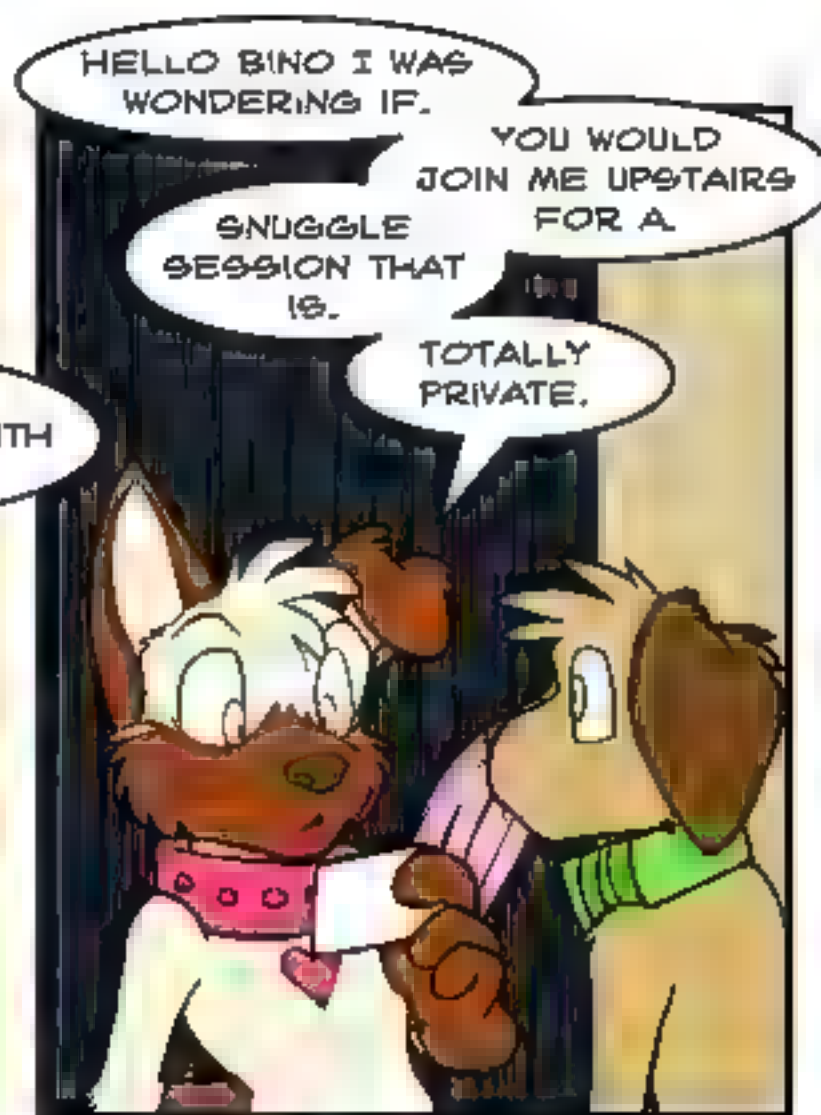
OH THANKS
FOR THAT,
BRAIN

WHAT?

I MEAN
... NO







OH, BINO, THAT'S A REALLY NICE WATCH! YOU DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD--

LOOK AT IT? I DUNNO...

PLEASE BINO! I'LL GIVE IT RIGHT BACK.

YOU CAN PLAY WITH IT IF YOU WANT, JUST DON'T TAKE IT OFF

HE WON'T LET ME TAKE IT OFF!

TELL HIM YOU WANT IT FOR A PRESENT!

OH BINEY~DID YOU GET ME ANYTHING FOR MY BIRTHDAY?

YES. I GOT YOU THAT BOX OF CANDY RINGS, REMEMBER? I'M NOT FORGETTING ANYMORE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT ONE VALENTINE'S

... WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I REALLY WANTED ANOTHER PRESENT?

I'D SAY STOP SQUEEZING ME, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I SPENT ON YOU LAST YEAR? LIKE TEN DOLLARS!

WELL... THAT IS A LOT

NOW WHAT!

IMPROVISE! SASHA YOU ARE A LOT BRIGHTER THAN I KNOW YOU FOR, JUST THINK!

I GUESS SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOYFRIEND YOU DESERVE A REALLY AWESOME NECK MASSAGE!

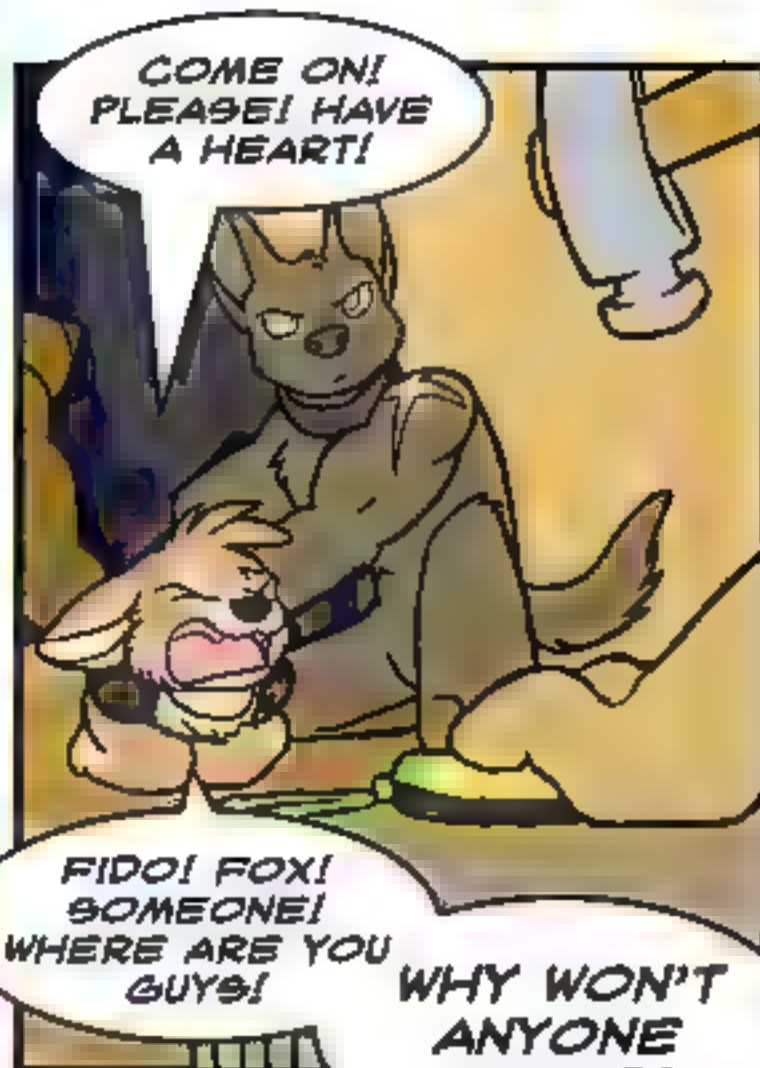
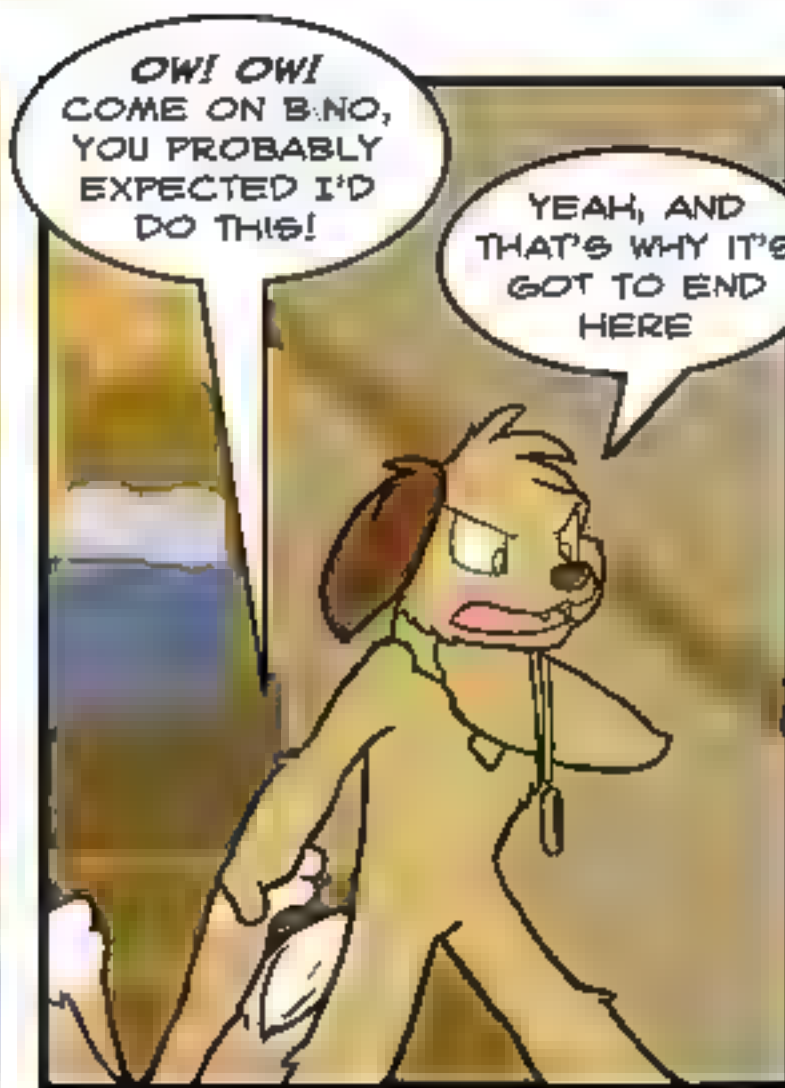
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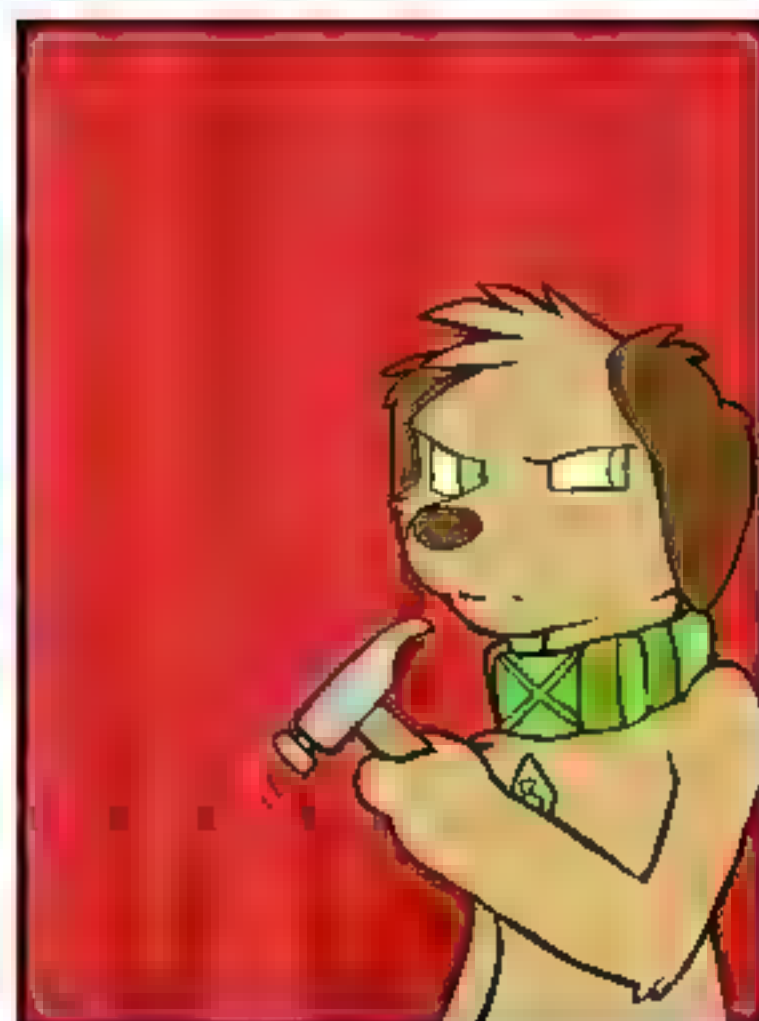
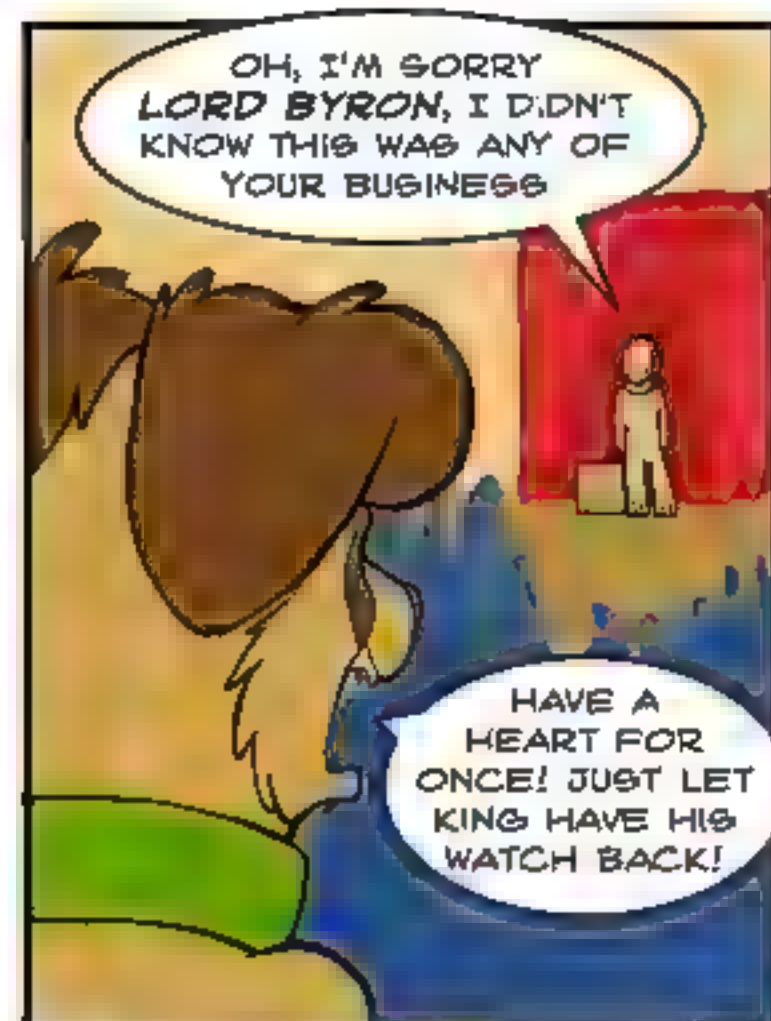
THUMP

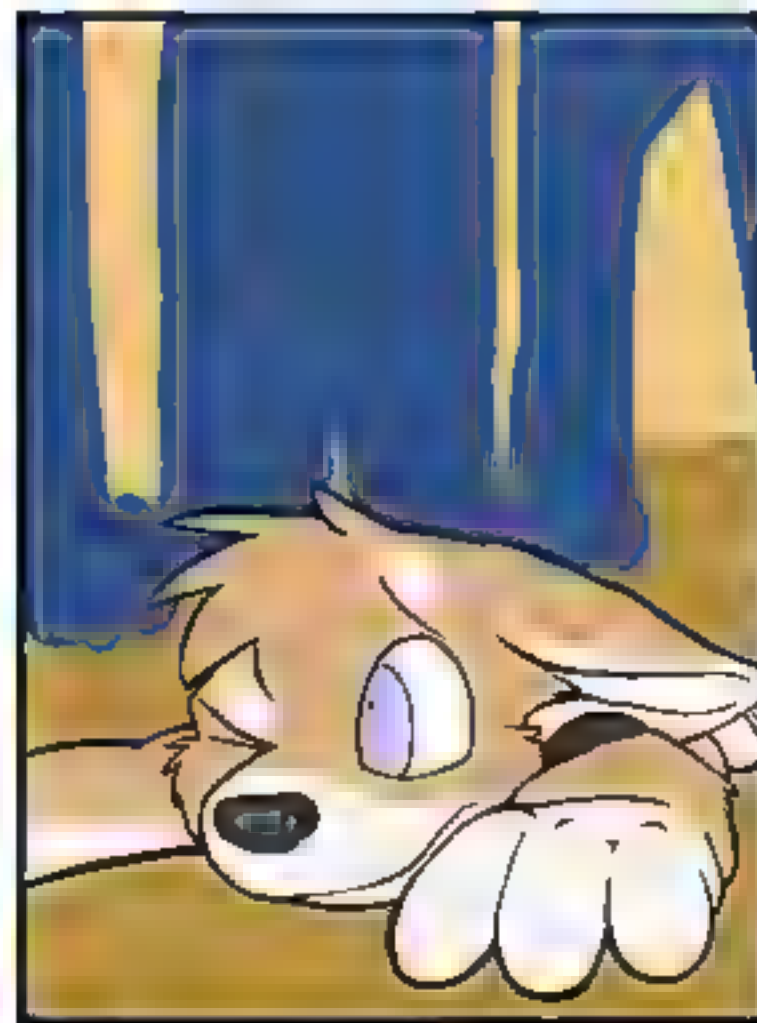
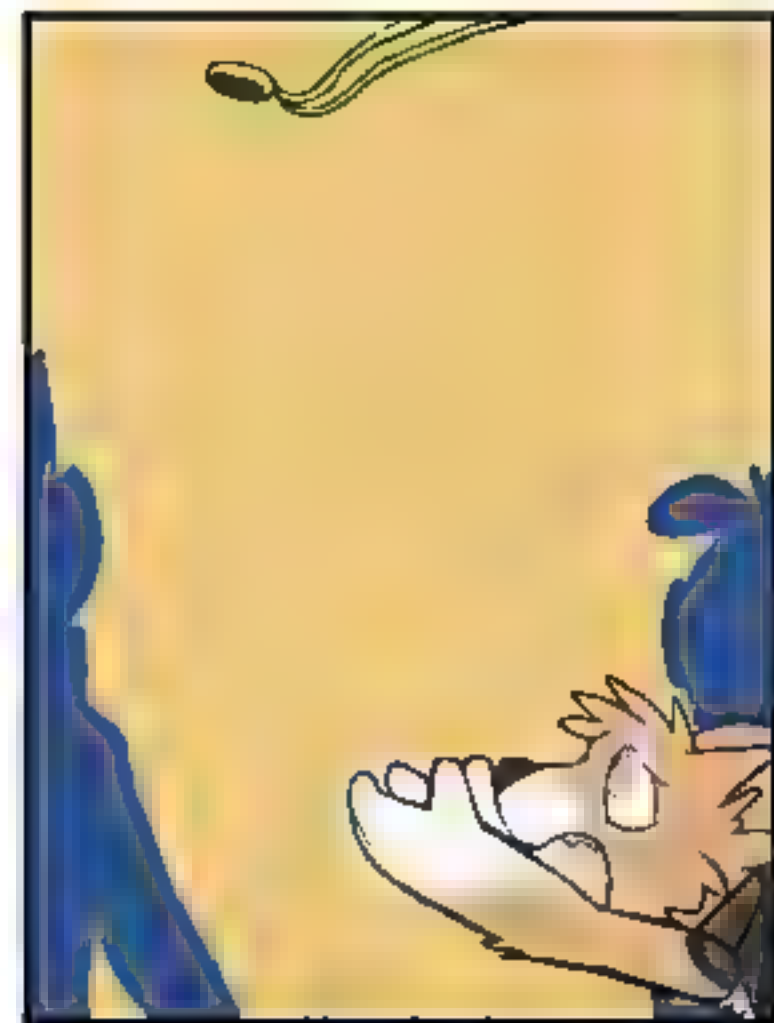
BUT--

TAKE OFF YOUR COLLAR

ACK! OKAY OKAY!

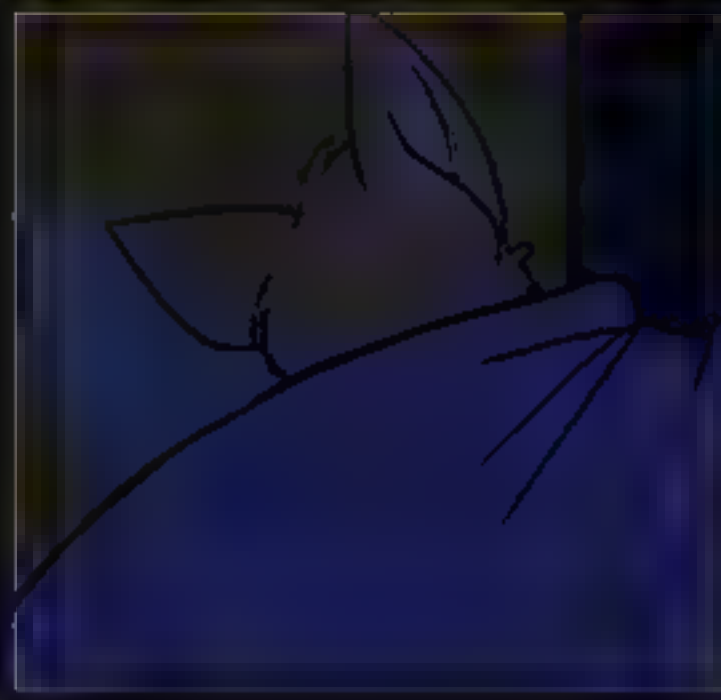






I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEANT ABOUT MY SOUL BEING IN LIMBO

I MEANT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WHEN YOU WERE TRANSFORMED INTO A DOG

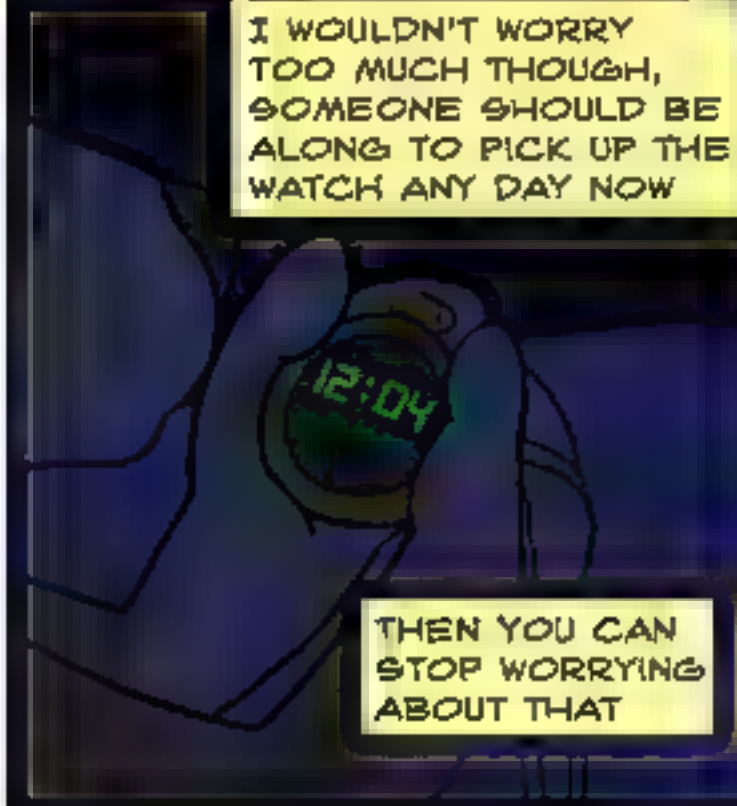


YOU SEE, DOG HEAVEN IS VERY LENIENT COMPARED TO HUMAN HEAVEN. THIS ISN'T UNPRECEDENTED, BUT YOU WEREN'T EXACTLY A PARAGON, EITHER

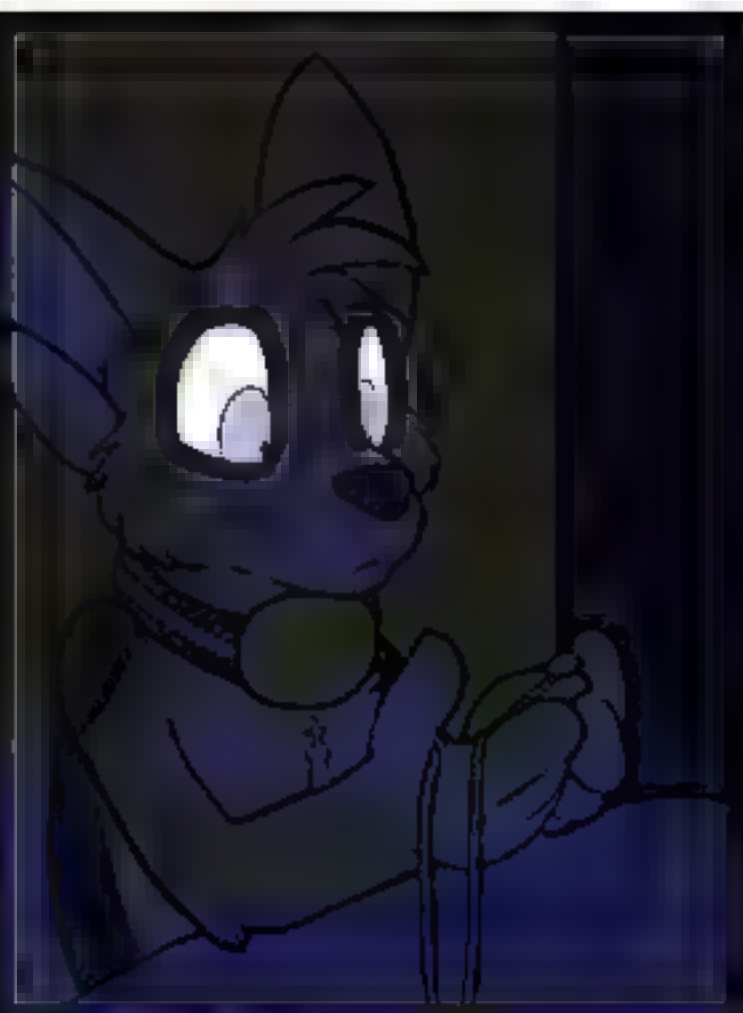


UNTIL YOU EMBRACE WHETHER YOU'RE A DOG OR YOU'RE A HUMAN, THE RESOLUTION IS A TRICKY MATTER

I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH THOUGH, SOMEONE SHOULD BE ALONG TO PICK UP THE WATCH ANY DAY NOW



THEN YOU CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT THAT



WELL
THIS
SUCKS





FOLLOW DOWN THE RIVER
AND FOLLOW DOWN THE STREAM,
WHERE EVERY CAT'S A SAILOR
AND EVERY CAT'S A KING!
THERE'S DANGER IN THE WATER
AND TREASURE ALL AROUND
THE FISH ARE FULL OF FLAVOR
AND CORAL IS YOUR CROWN!

RING-A-DONG-DING-DONG
RING-A-DONG-DERRY
SAILING DOWN THE RIVER
TOWARD THE ES-TU-ARY
OUT INTO THE OCEAN
WITH THE BLES-SED SALTY AIR
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL BE BACK
AND FRANKLY WE DON'T CARE!



DO YOU HAVE
UNMENTIONABLE HEALTH
ISSUES? OR INCREDIBLY
EMBARASSING EPISODES THAT WE
WILL NOW SHOW A MONTAGE
OF ON DAYTIME TV?

DO YOU FEEL
UNCOMFORTABLE SITTING IN
THE SAME ROOM AS THIS
MONTAGE?

THEN YOU NEED
PROCTLOCOTAMINE



LET US PLAY CALM
MUSIC NOW, WITH OLD PEOPLE
SWINGING ON PORCH
ROCKERS

YOUNG PEOPLE
LAUGHING. HOW SWEET,
THEY'RE SHARING A MOMENT!
AND NOT DISGUSTING HEALTH
PROBLEMS

ASK YOUR DOCTOR
ABOUT PROCTLOCOTAMINE.
IF HE SAYS NO, BADGER
HIM UNTIL HE SAYS
YES



PROCTLOCOTAMINE
ISN'T RIGHT FOR EVERYONE,
ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, THE
ELDERLY, PREGNANT OR
NURSING MOTHERS AND
CAUCASIANS

SIDE EFFECTS
INCLUDE NAUSEA, DIARRHEA,
CONSTIPATION, INEXPLICABLE
WELTS, NERVE DAMAGE, LOSS OF
BRAIN FUNCTION, ULCERS AND
BLACK PUSTULES, BUT NOTE HOW
I LIST THEM ALL IN THIS
SOOTHING VOICE

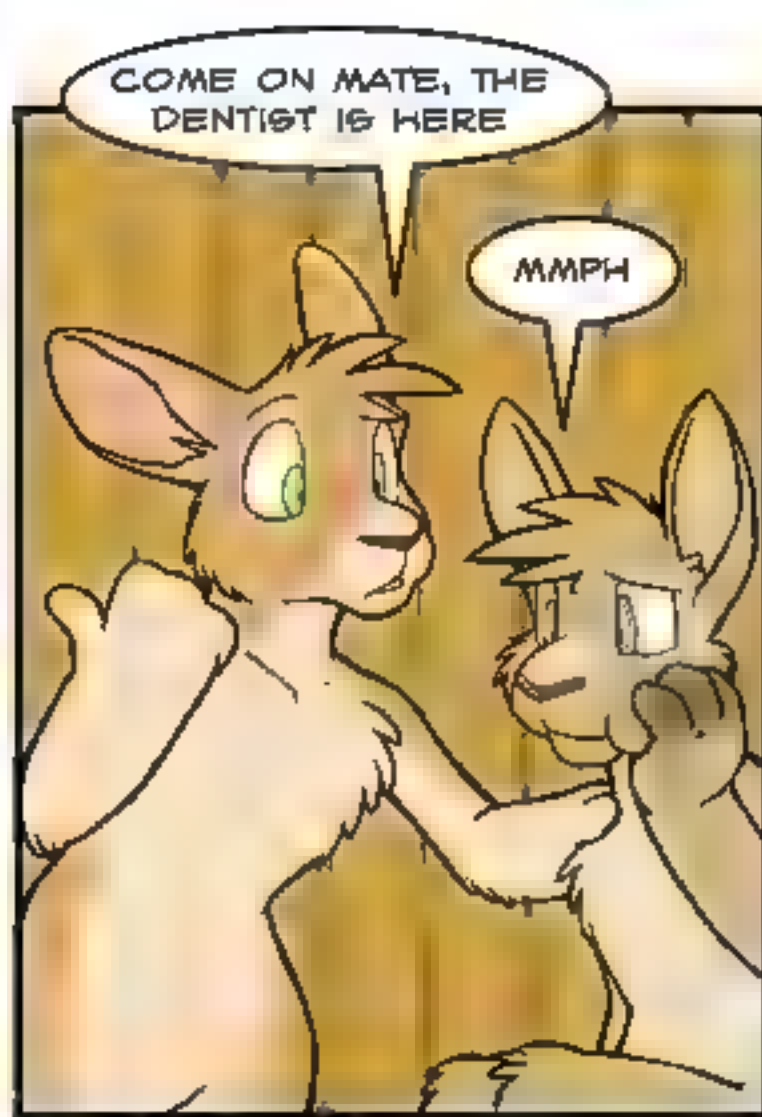


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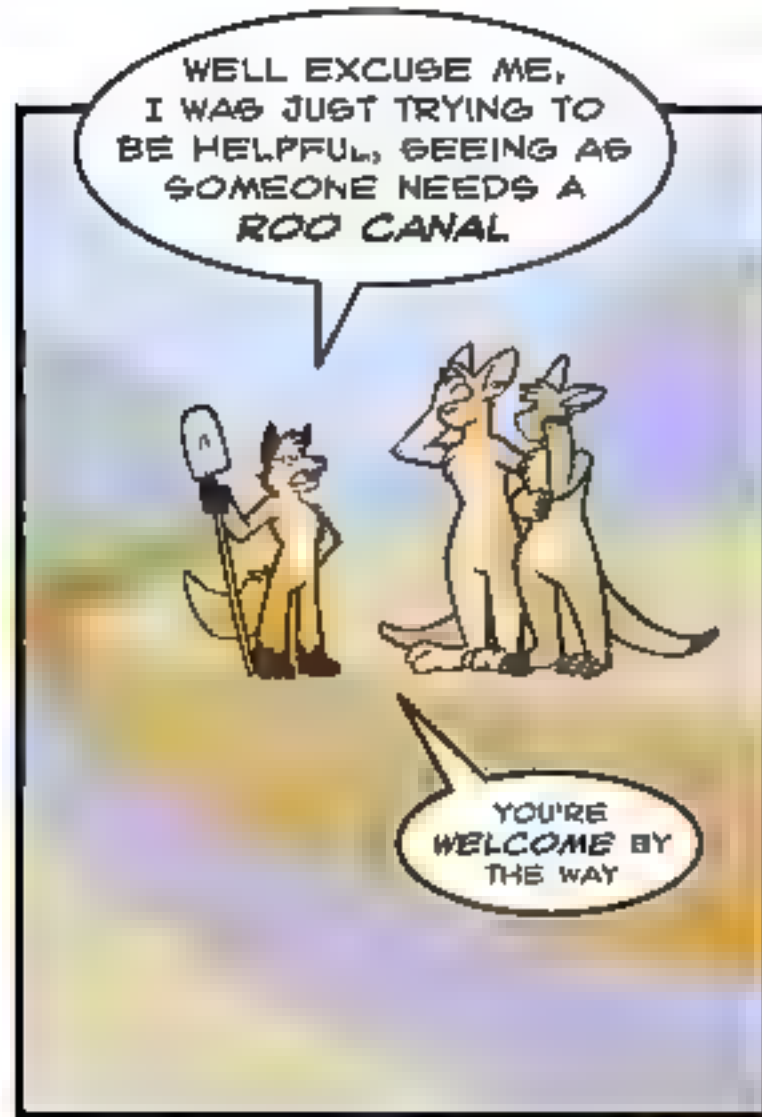
TELL YOUR DOCTOR IF
YOU START RAPIDLY LOSING
BLOOD AS THIS IS A SIGN OF A
SERIOUS REACTION. THIS WAS
PRESENT IN THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL
CLINICAL TRIALS, BUT I GUESS
SOMEONE BRIBED THE RIGHT
FDA OFFICIAL

PROCTLOCOTAMINE:
ISN'T IT TIME YOU TOOK
BACK YOUR LIFE?

THUMP



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MAN I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, I PICK UP ANOTHER BOOK THAT HAS DRAGON IN THE TITLE, AND THERE IS EVEN ONE ON THE COVER, AND IT ALL JUST TURNS OUT TO BE SOME LAME METAPHOR

IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR A DRAGON IN MY DRAGON STORIES?

OH PEANUT

IF YOU WANTED A DRAGON, YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST ASKED

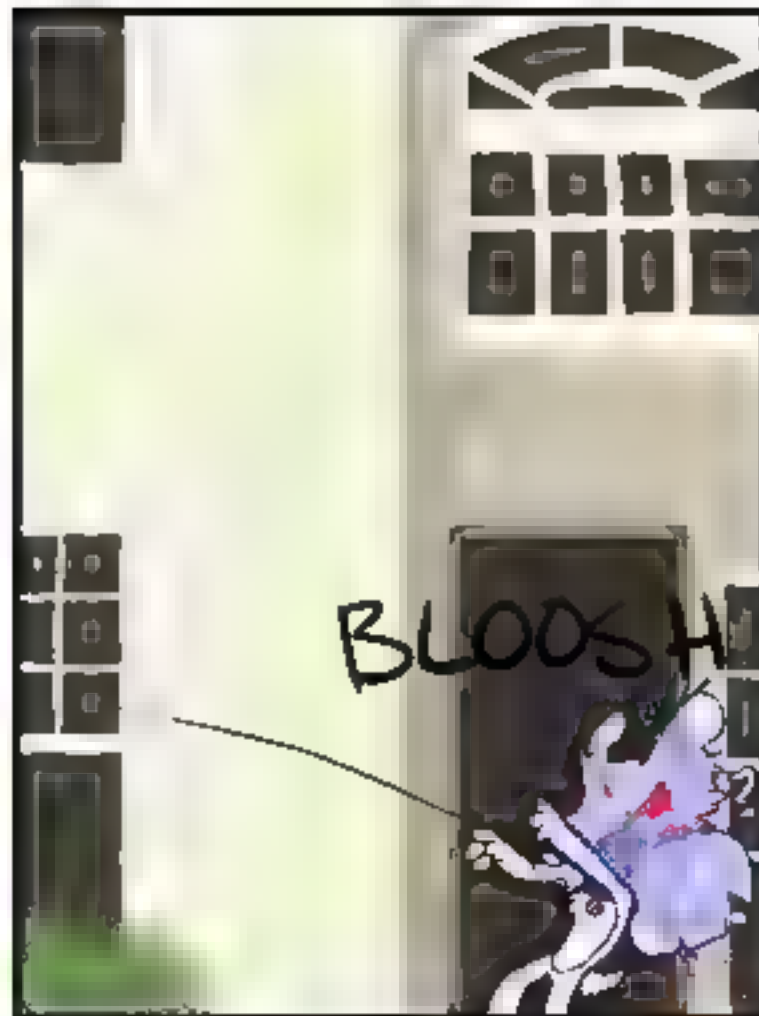
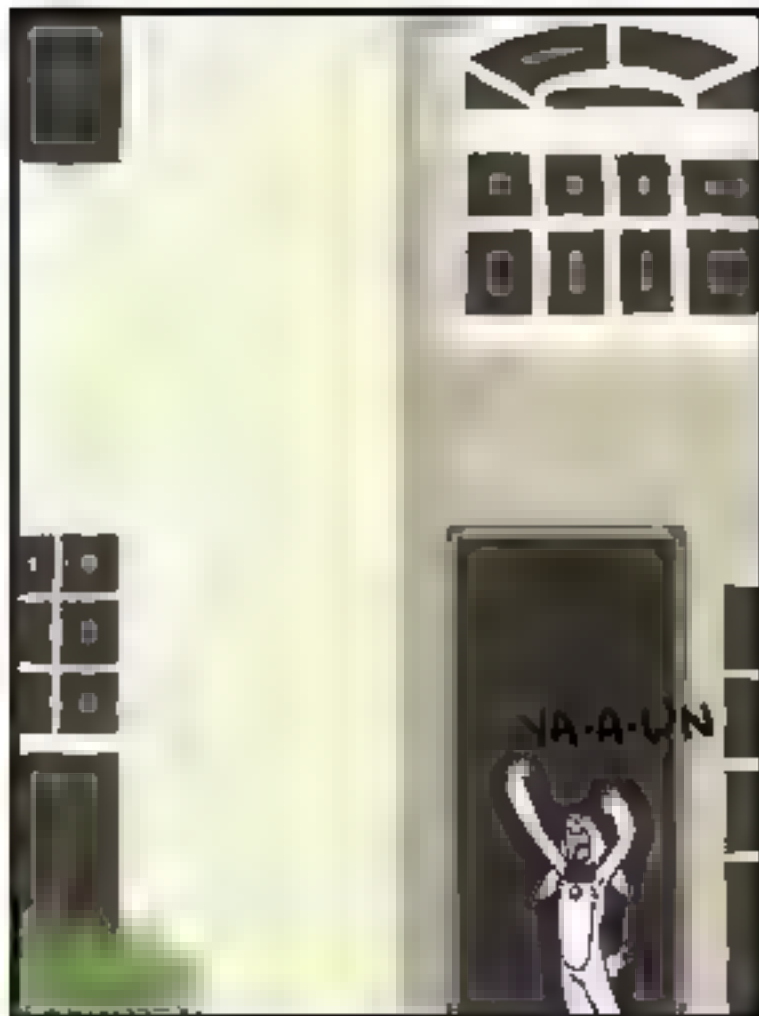
HEY! FOR THE LAST TIME, HE IS MY BOYFRIEND, GO BACK OFF!

SCOOT

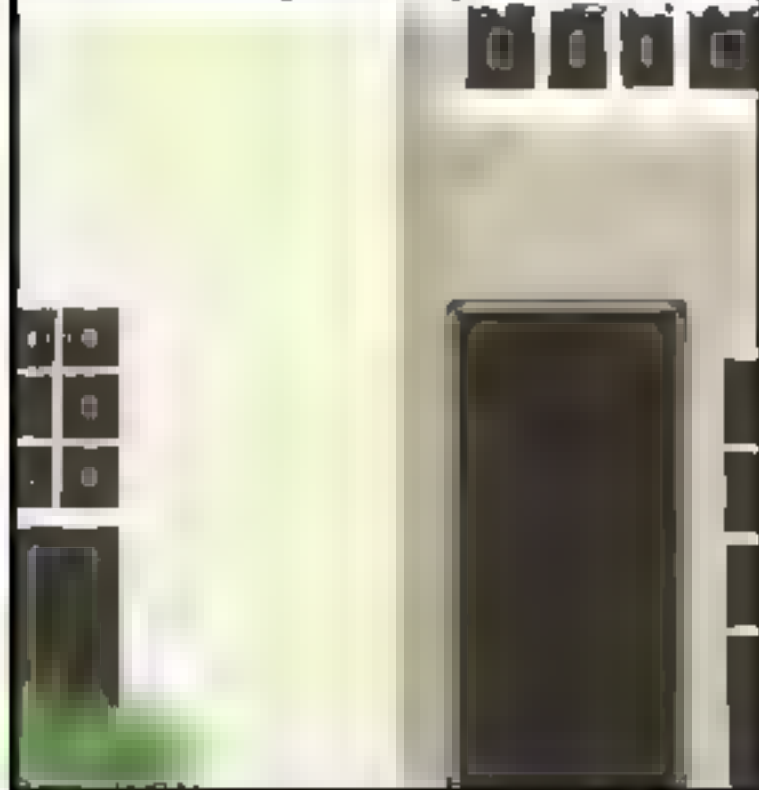
June 20th
Dear diary,
I'd been working on my novel
all night, so I only woke up
around noon. Weather seems
fine, a little warm but not too
hot. Real nice. Sort of wished
I'd woken up sooner.



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Incidentally, today turned out to
be one of those days where I
should have just stayed in bed



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Before I could retreat...

AAAH
DON'T KILL
ME!



HEY RABBIT!
THIS IS WAR! YOU'RE
LIABLE TO GET
HURT!

ASK
WHOSE SIDE
HE'S ON!

GUYS! YOU'RE
BEING AWFULLY
ROUGH FOR A
GAME



WAR IS NO
GAME

WHOSE SIDE,
HUHP CATS OR
DOGS?!

UH, I'M A
RABBIT, SO...
NEITHER?



OH, SPECIES
DOESN'T MATTER; IT
DIDN'T STOP TIGER
FROM ENLISTING

GUYS I TOLD
YOU THIS IS JUST
MY REVENGE
AGAINST BINO
OKAY?!



Since they captured me around lunchtime, they decided to just take me to the mess with them

DO YOU HAVE ANY LETTUCE? I'M A VEGETARIAN

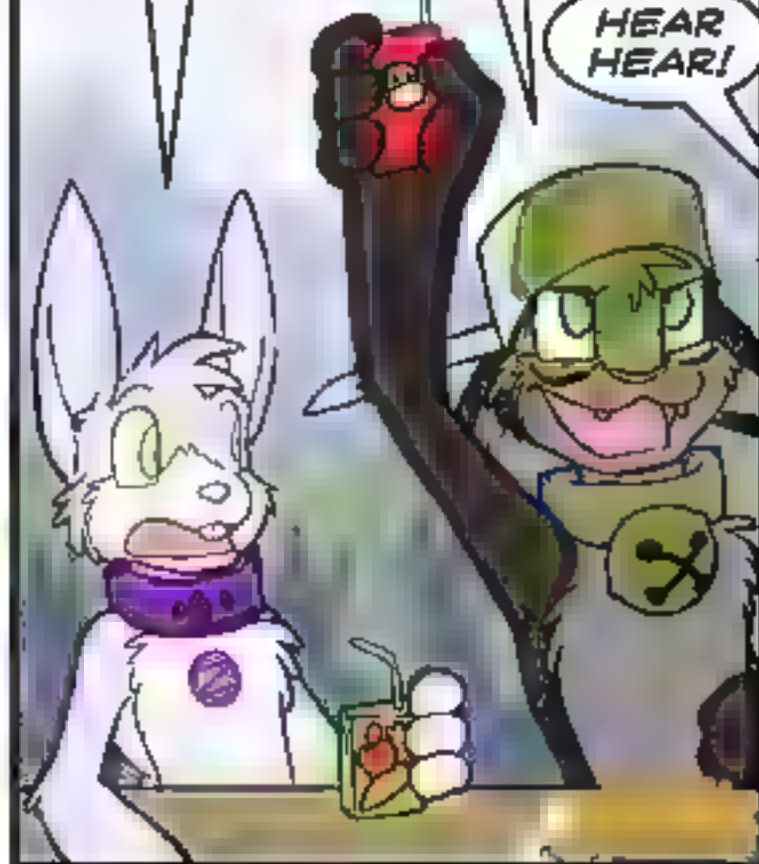
THE K BBLE HAS A POTATO BINDER; THAT COUNT?



HOW'D THIS WAR ALL START, ANYWAY?

NOW *THERE'S* A TALE WORTH TELLING!

HEAR HEAR!



SRRRK

SRRRK

... ARE YOU GOING TO TELL IT?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS

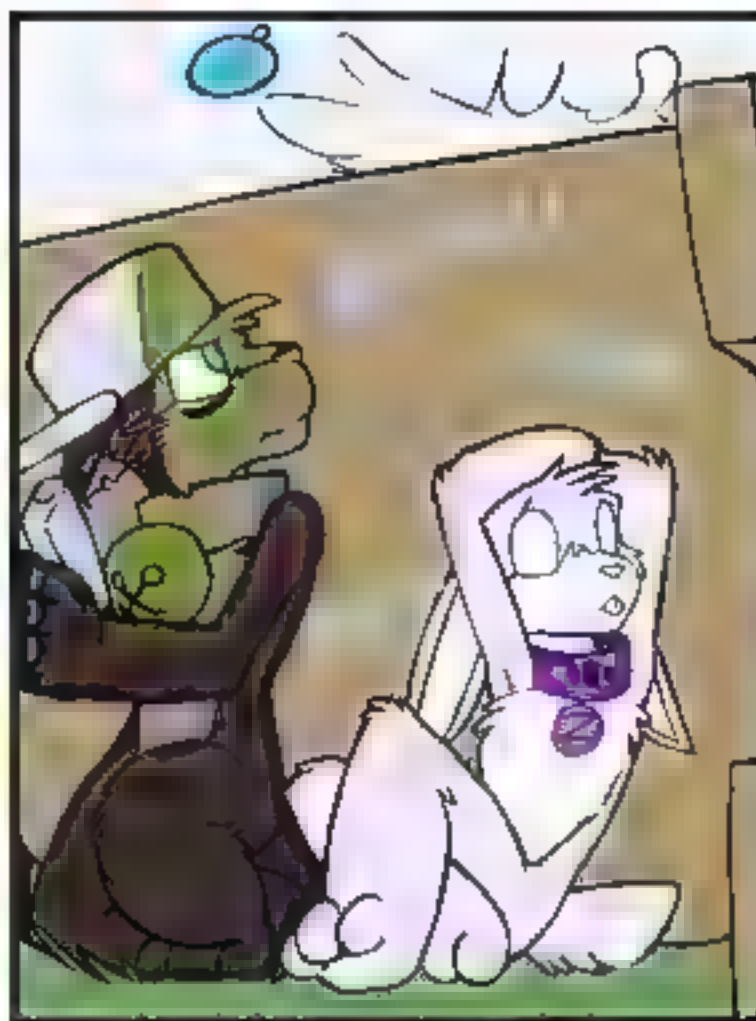
I JUST FIGURE IT'D BE WORTH TELLING



ALERT! THE K-9
ELITES HAVE BREACHED
THE PERIMETER!

WHAT

EVERYONE,
QUICK! TURN OVER
YOUR TABLES!



BGLOOP



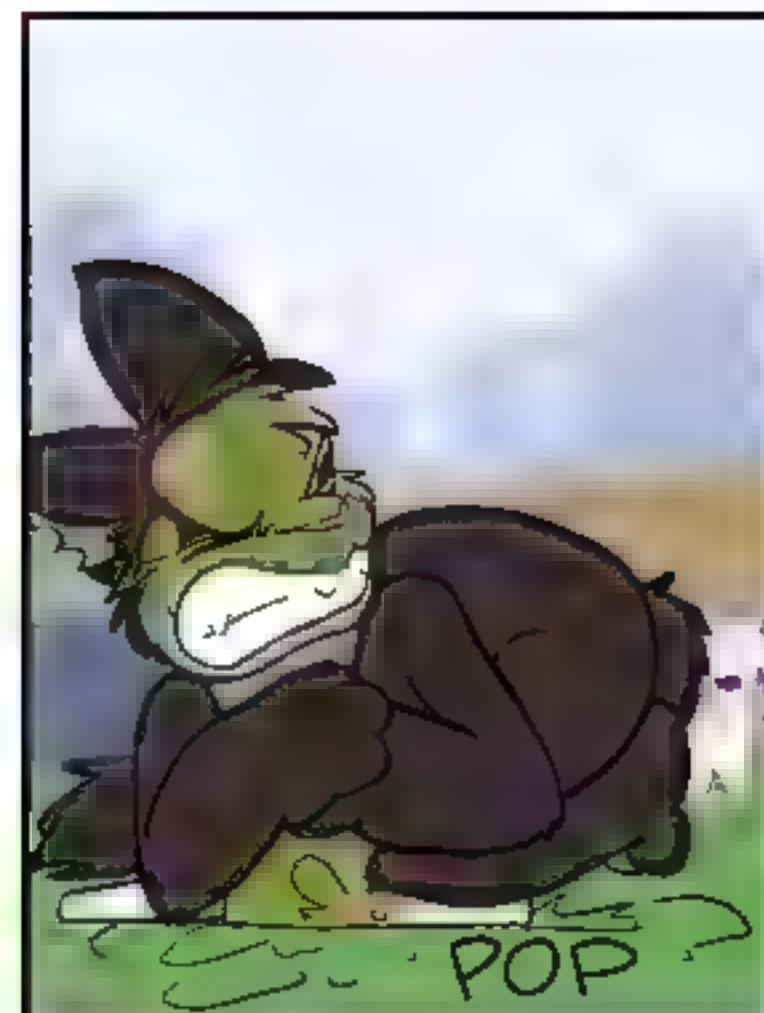
NOOOOOO
OOOOOOOO
OOOOOOO
OOOO!



CHEE
CHEE
CHEE



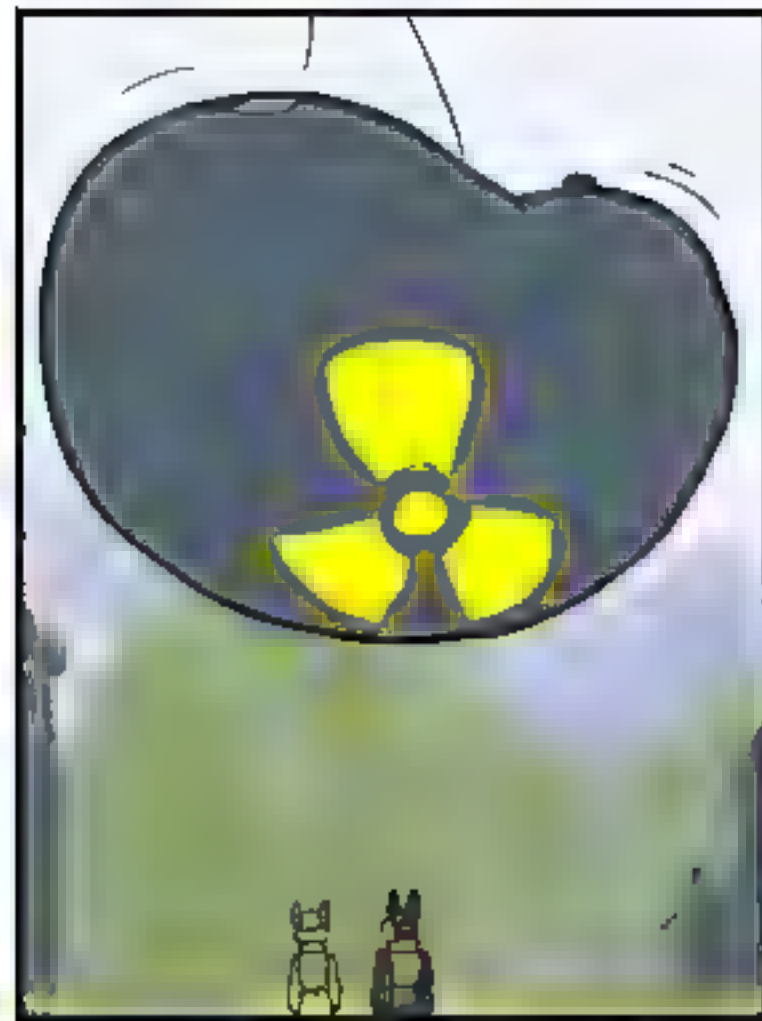
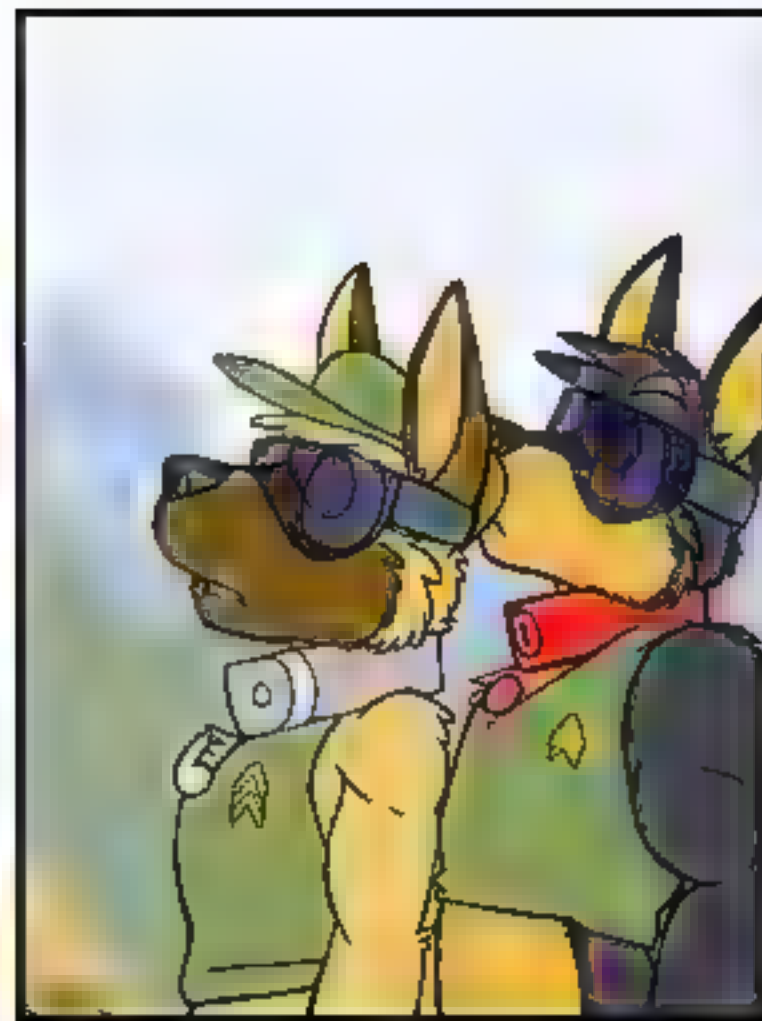
CHEE
CHEE
HE



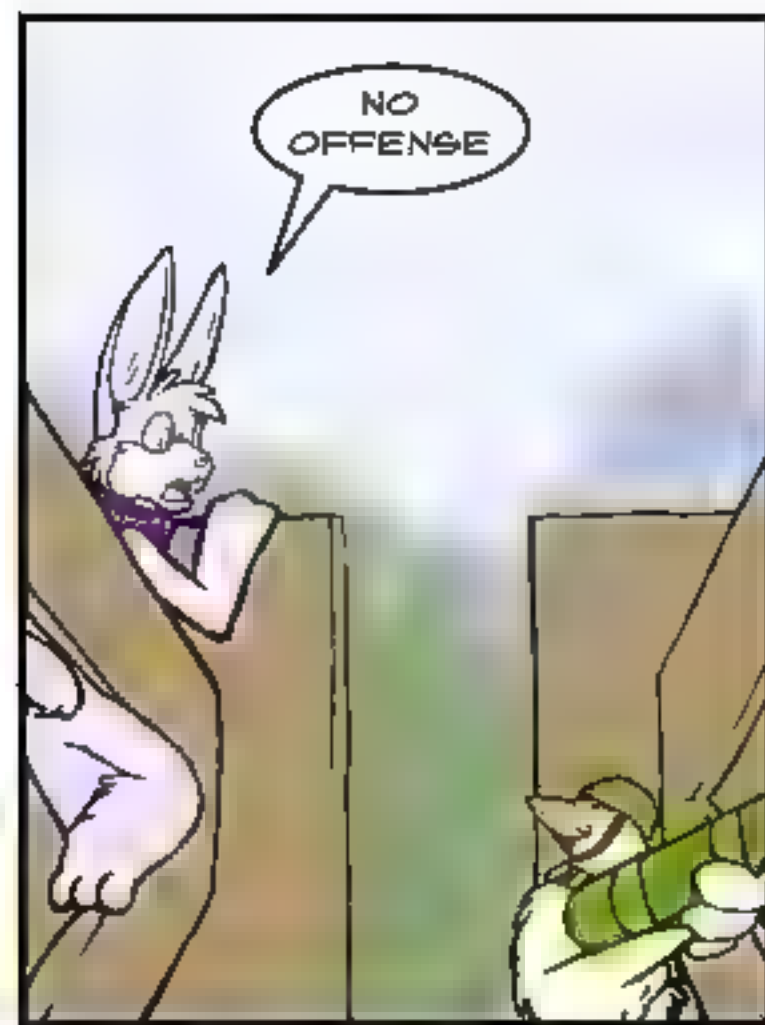
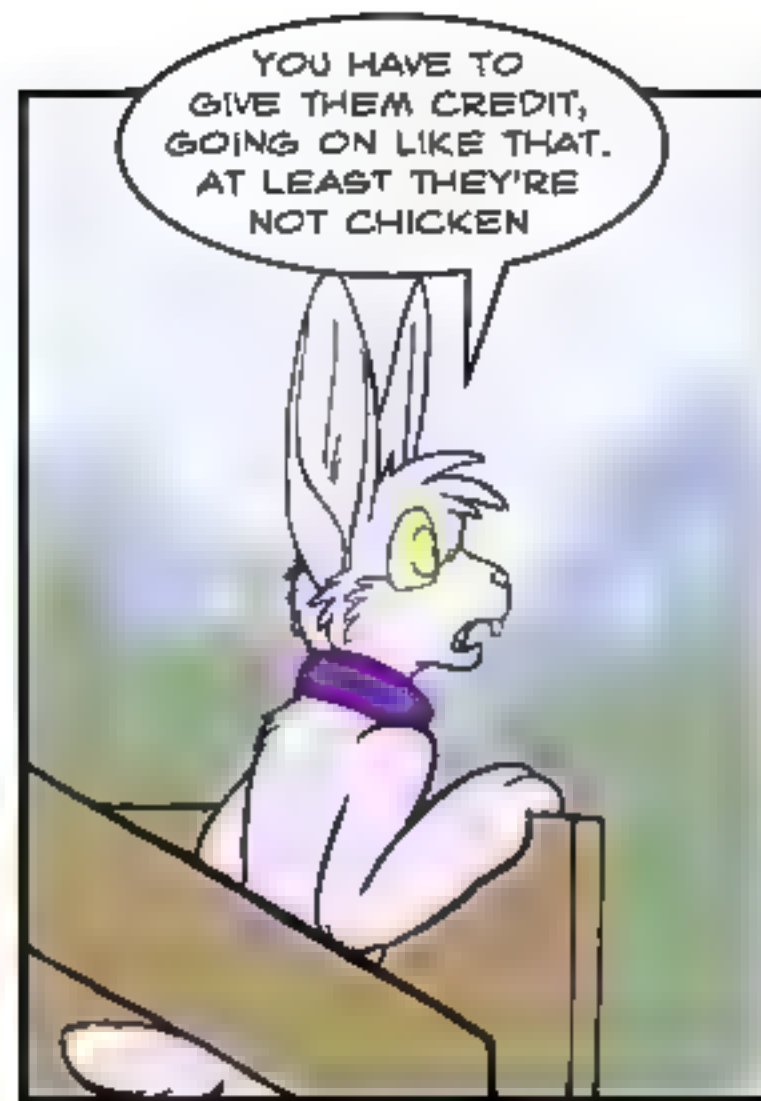
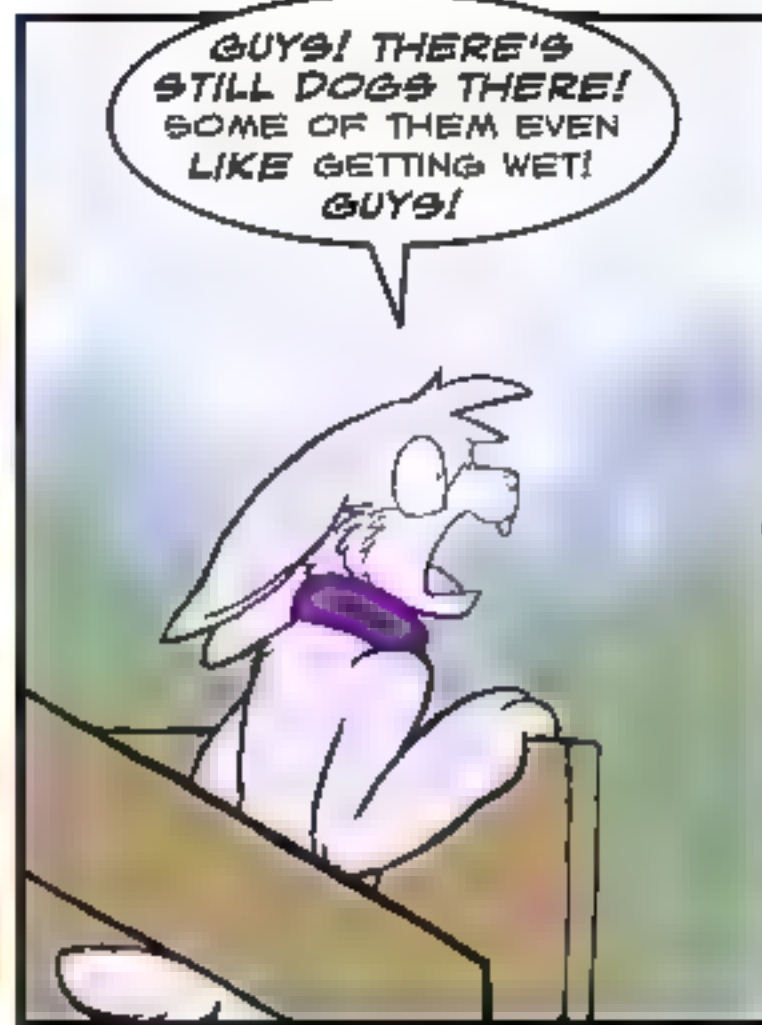
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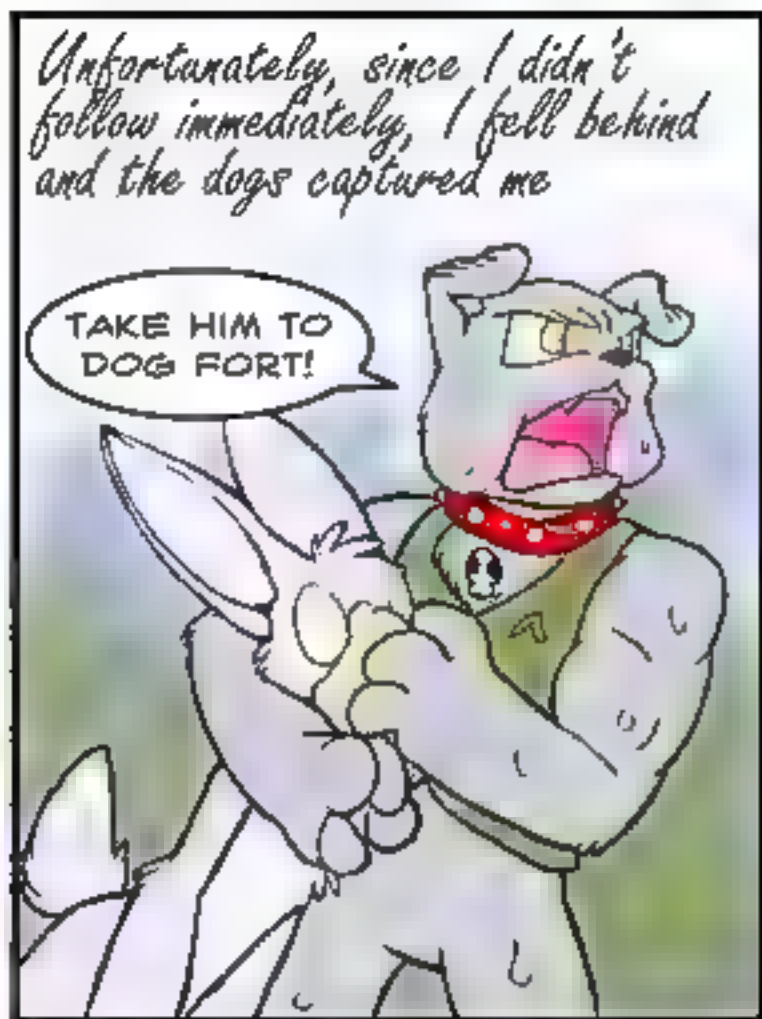


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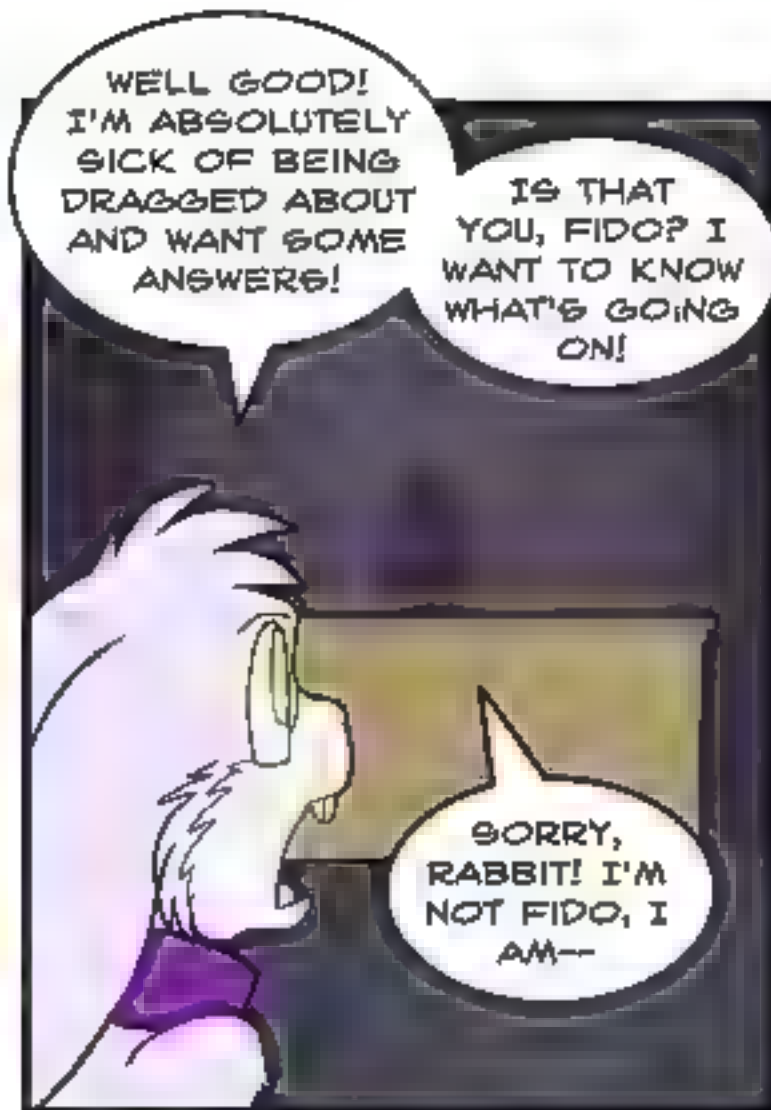




Almost an hour later, they took me out of the dungeon to see their commander



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HOW DID YOU
EVEN GET TO BE
LEADER?!

UH, HELLO,
WOLF? LEADERSHIP
IS MY MIDDLE
NAME!

ROCKSTAR
LEADERSHIP
HAWK

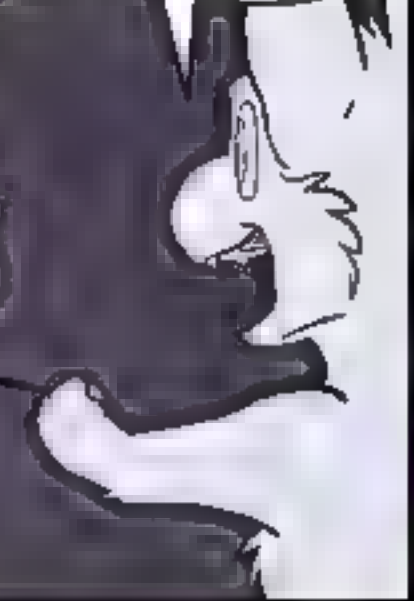
BUT
THAT'S NOT
IMPORTANT!



SEEING AS
YOU'RE NEITHER CAT
NOR DOG, I WANT YOU
TO WORK AS A TRIPLE
AGENT FOR US!

I'M NOT
DOING ANYTHING
UNTIL--WAIT,
TRIPLE AGENT?

YEAH, WE
ALREADY GOT
A DOUBLE
AGENT



IS IT ...
TIGER?

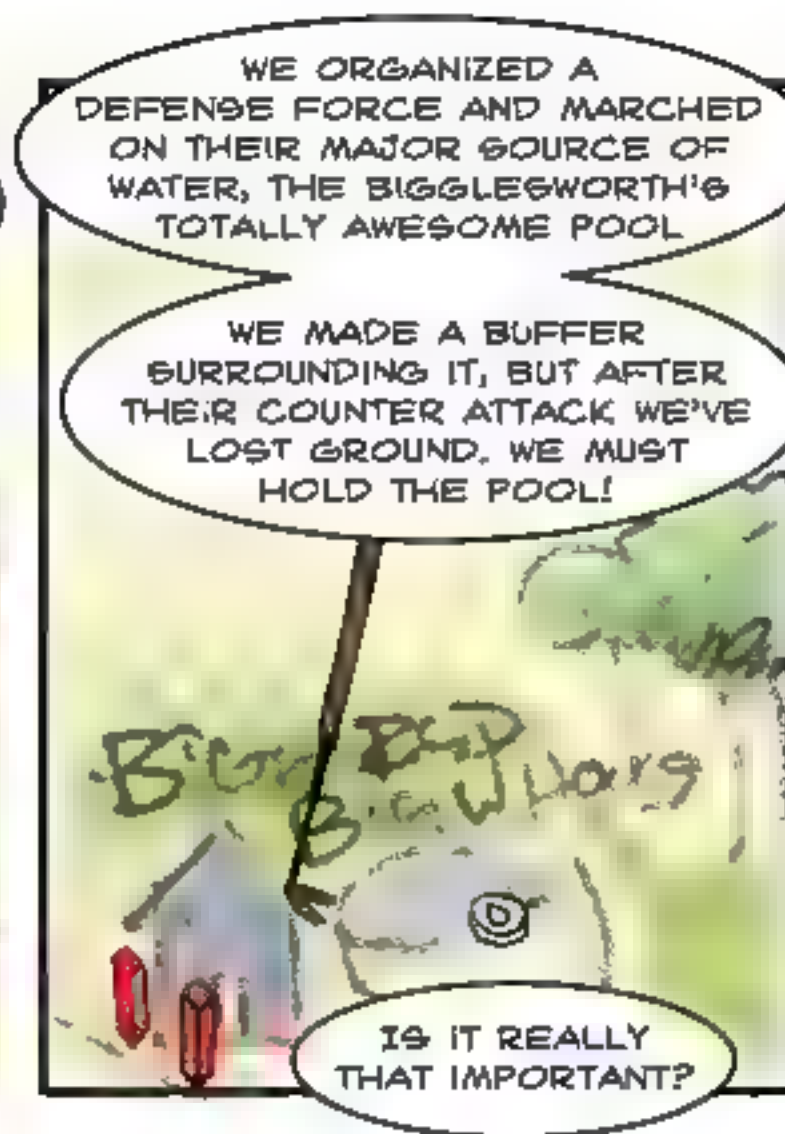
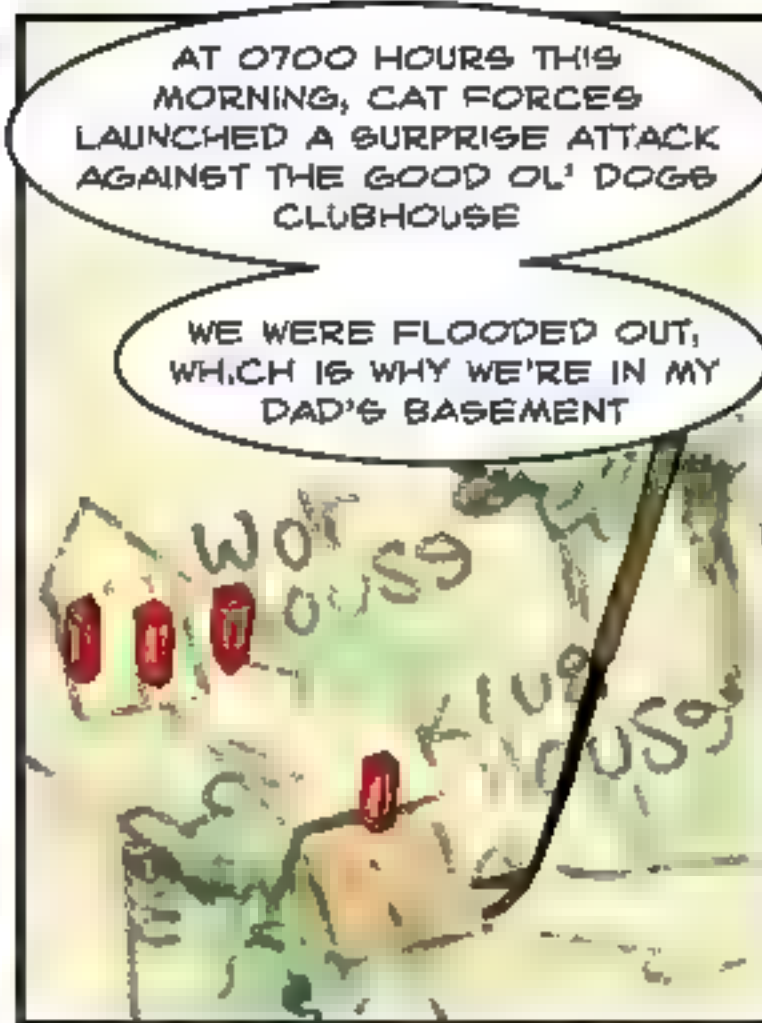
PFF, NO

COME ON!
IT'S A LOT
MORE SUBTLE
THAN THAT





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Rockstar's explanation was fishy. If the cats attacked first, why would Maxwell feign ignorance? I went along with the plan, to learn things for myself



Soon, I was dropped behind enemy lines.



I sought out the double agent among the cat ranks. However, Rockstar didn't tell me specifically who he was.



... but I had my suspicions.



Whatever Grape's objections, it was far too late to stop the assault

COME ON, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH HE LIKES CATS AND THE GO-DOGS CLUB SHUNS HIM

SO WHAT'S THE COSTUME SUPPOSED TO DO? PUT US AT EASE?

IF YOU WOULD JUST INVEST A LITTLE TIME INTO COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, OR EVEN **REGULAR** INTELLIGENCE . . .

EVEN IF HE SNITCHED, THEY CAN'T MATCH OUR WATERPOWER. THESE ARE THE BEST WATERGUNS THAT CATNIP CAN BUY, AND **EVERYONE—**

UH, GUYS?



NEXT TIME I SEE MY CONTACT, I WILL BUY HIS BIGGEST GUN, THEN BLUDGEON HIM WITH IT

Do you remember that part in Return of the King where Pippin sang "All Shall Fade"?



It was to the tune of Faramir getting slaughtered in a creepy, almost silent battle scene



What was the end result of all this violence? asked the song and silence in one harmony



It's not nearly as meaningful when done real-time



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I decided then and there that I didn't care about sides. I wanted this carnage to end.

GRAPE!
YOU WERE
RIGHT ABOUT
JOEY, I'M
SORRY!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

I KNEW ABOUT THE
ATTACK AND I COULD
HAVE STOPPED THIS!
COME ON PLEASE, HELP
ME FIND JOEY!

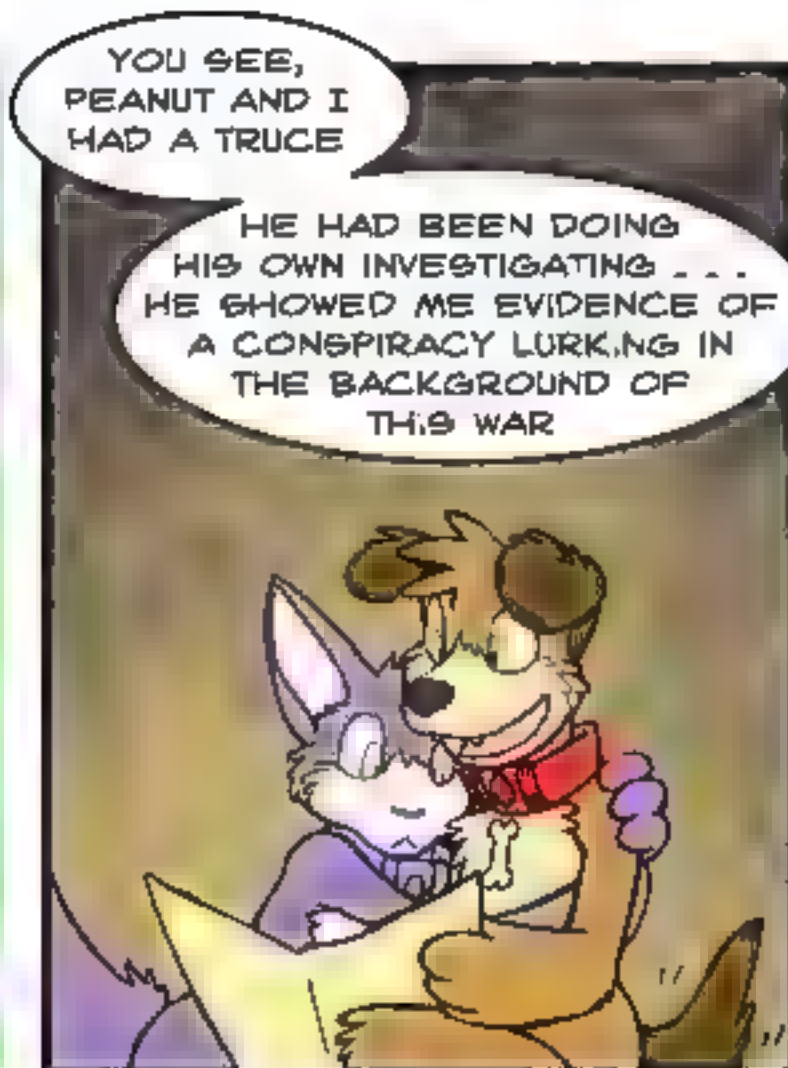
OH FOR
THE--

**I'M THE
DOUBLE AGENT,
YOU IDIOT!**

WHAAAAA
AAAAA

... THAT
DOESN'T EVEN
MAKE SENSE

SORRY, WE
WERE ONE SHORT
ON SHOCKING
TWISTS



We made our way to a small strip mall down the road, well out of range of the ongoing war



AWESOME
NOD

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE,
SHADOWY FIGURE! WE KNOW
YOU WERE BEHIND THE CLUB
HOUSE FLOODING!

DO WHAT
WE SAY, OR
PREPARE TO
BECOME
DAMP

BAM



YOU'RE MAKING
DEMANDS OF ME? YOU
SEEM TO FORGET WHO'S
HOLDING ALL THE CARDS, AND
THE WATER BLASTER UNDER
THE DESK. BESIDES, I STILL
HAVE YOUR PRECIOUS
PUPPY

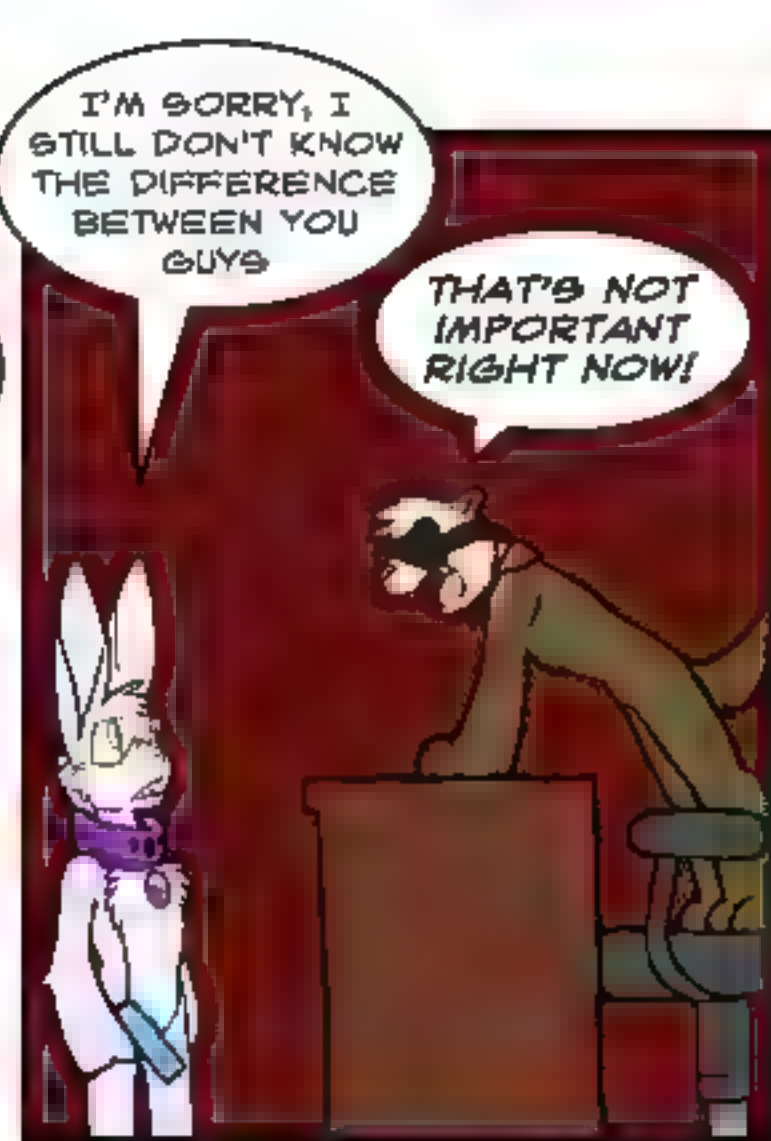
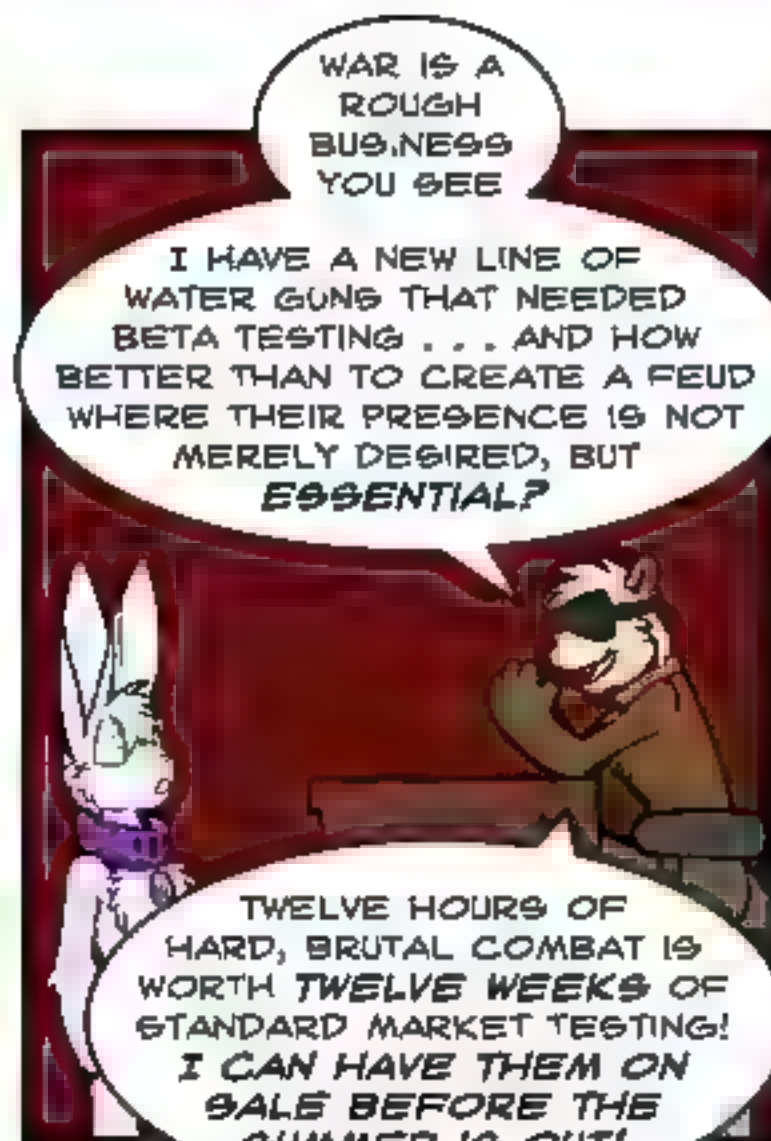
YOU
MONSTER! IF
YOU'VE DONE
ANYTHING TO
PEANUT—

OH, DON'T
WORRY . . . HE'S
CERTAINLY HAVING
A GOOD TIME!

BWA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA!

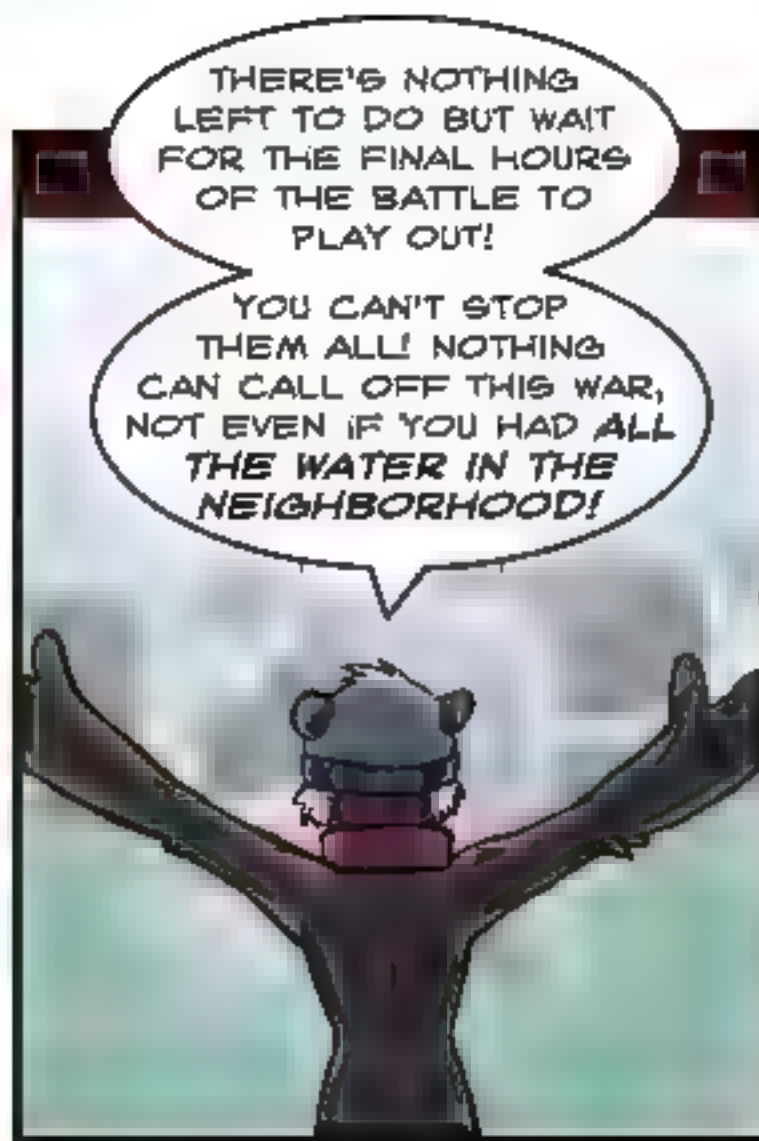


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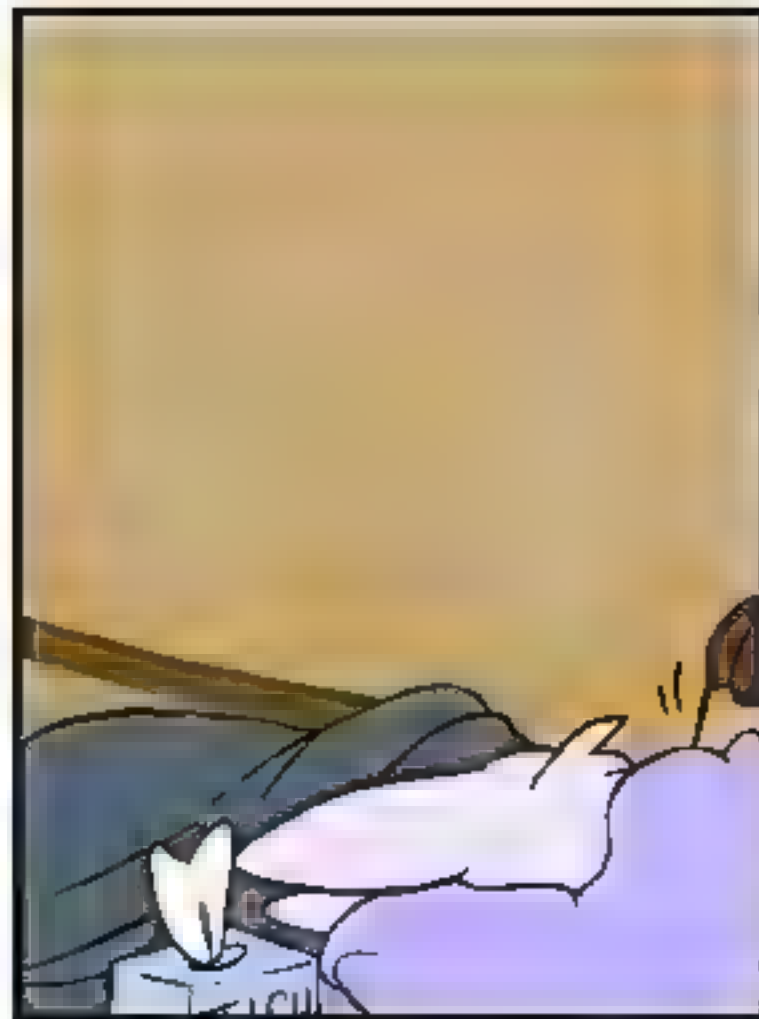
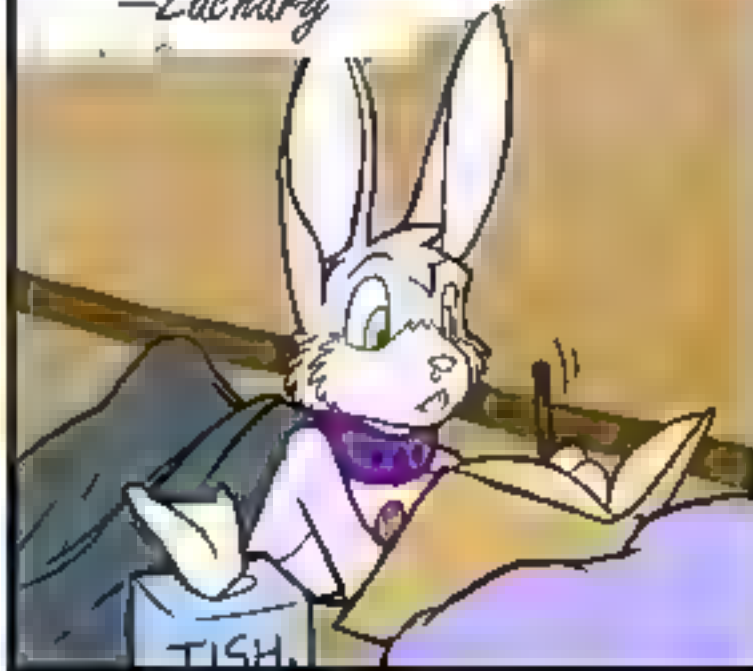
So while that was awesome and all, I ended up catching a cold. The cats and dogs dropped the whole conflict. Even if they didn't mind the rain, let's face it—the enemy isn't getting wetter



Rick Griffin

The rain sounds nice clattering against the windows. It's music I could fall asleep to, and given I'm so tired, probably will. Talk to you later.

—Zachary

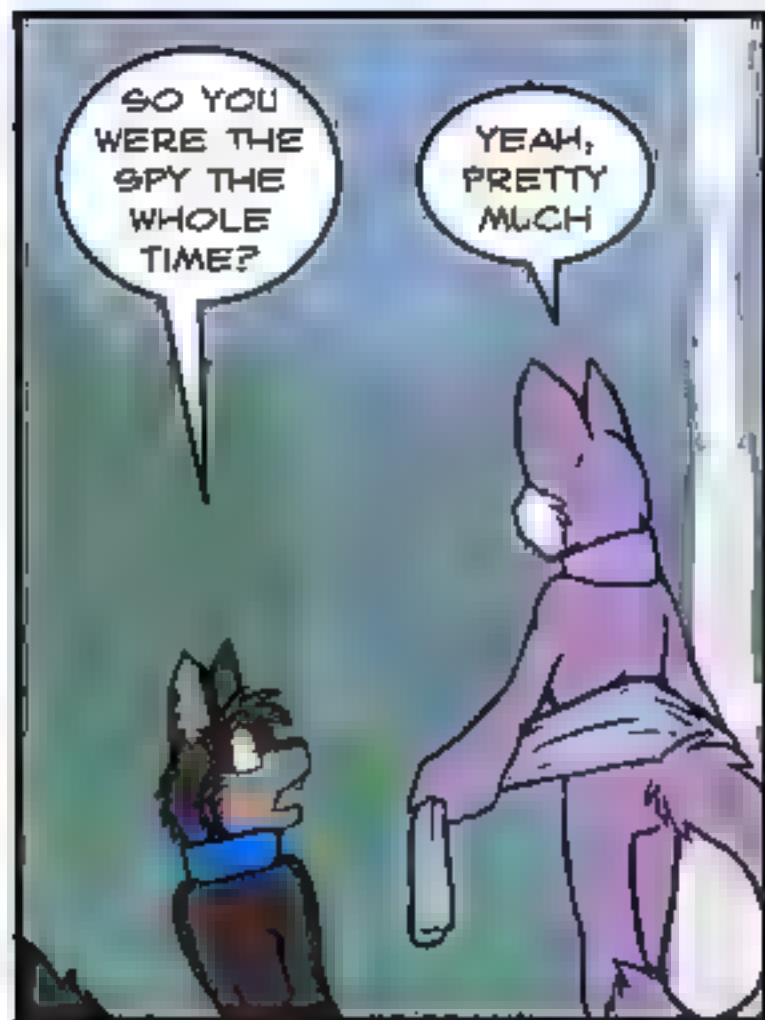


P.S., whichever one of you ferals is sneaking in and copying my diary for holy liturgy, STOP IT

WOW! THE OPENER OF WAYS CAN EVEN SEE THE FUTURE!

READ THE PART WHERE THE FORCES OF DARKNESS CAPTURED HIM AGAIN!





IF HIGH SCHOOL LITERATURE
TEACHERS TAUGHT ART

IT'S A
HOUSE

BUT
DOES
LOOK LI

IT'S A
HOUSE



IF UNIVERSITY MODERN LIT
PROFESSORS TAUGHT ART

THIS INDICATES
THAT LIFE IS
MEANINGLESS

THAT'S WHAT
YOU SAID ABOUT
THE LAST NINE

WELL THEN I
GUESS IT'S A
TREND!



IF UNIVERSITY CLASSIC LIT
PROFESSORS TAUGHT ART

HISTORY
PROVES THIS IS
**OBJECTIVELY
GOOD**

ALSO,
YOU'LL NEVER
BE THAT
GOOD



WHOOPS SORRY, THAT'S SOMETHING
THEY HAVE IN COMMON

IF UNIVERSITY ART PROFESSORS
TAUGHT ART AS IT IS PRACTICED

THIS IS
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
WORKS OF THE LAST FIFTY YEARS

THE
ARTIST ACCOMPLISHED
THIS BY CONVINCING RICH PEOPLE
THAT IF THEY GAVE HIM MONEY,
THEY'D BE POPULAR AMONG
OTHER RICH PEOPLE



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CAN YOU BELIEVE
THESE DOG SHOWS?
THEY SET UNREALISTIC
STANDARDS OF BEAUTY
FOR OUR PUPS!

WHAT ARE
YOU COMPLAINING
ABOUT? YOU'RE A
CUTE ENOUGH
PUP

I'M A GROWN DOG,
DUCHESS! USING CUTESY
TERMS IS **DEMEANING** AND
ENDEARING

YOU JUST
CONTRADICTED
YOURSELF,
DEAR

FEMINISM IS
FOR HUMANS.
HAVE YOU BEEN
WATCHING TOO
MUCH DAYTIME
TV AGAIN?

HOW CAN YOU SAY
THAT! DON'T YOU CARE
ABOUT EQUALITY AND FAIR
TREATMENT?!

SABHA, AS FAR
AS GENDER GOES,
WE'RE MISSING
NOTHING

HALF THE
DOGS IN THAT
SHOW ARE
MALE

W--REALLY?

HOW CAN
YOU TELL?

AS FAR
AS I CAN
TELL

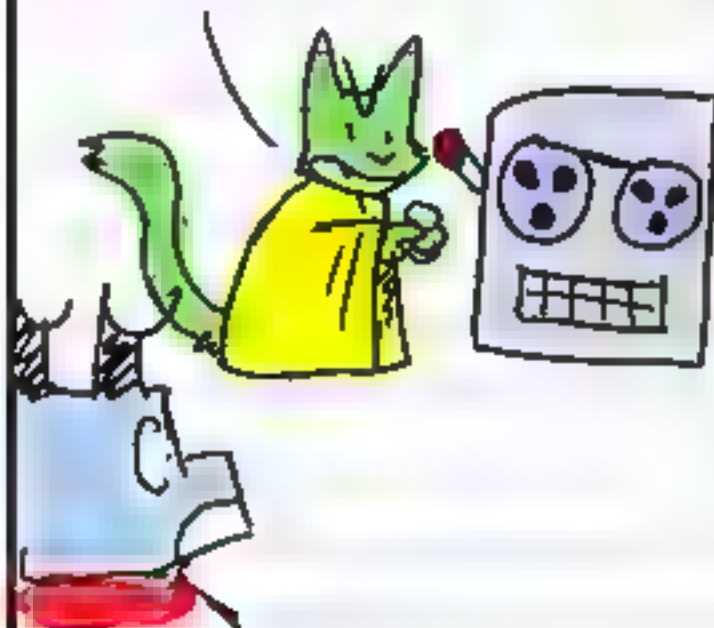
I'D
EXPLAIN

BUT APPARENTLY
I SET UNREALISTIC
STANDARDS FOR
INTELLIGENCE

Spot (Superdog) and the Universal Reboot



Aha hahaha! With my reboot machine, I shall start the universe over, but with MINOR, INSIGNIFICANT CHANGES



No! that's... Wait, what? You heard me! This universe is filled with too much minutia and trivia!



But you're not... changing anything?

CERTAINLY NOT I'm not going to alienate anyone, it's tradition!



However, for about a year or two we will mess around with a bunch of poorly conceived ideas before going back to normal



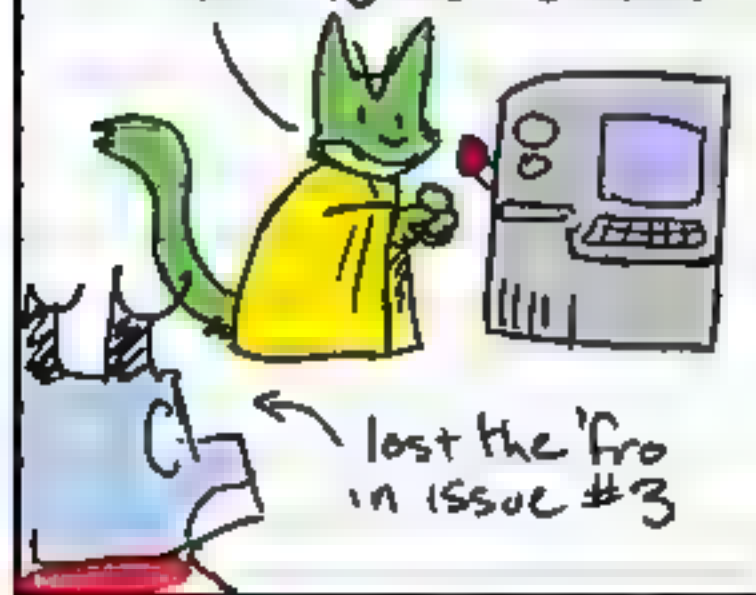
At that point, we might as well not have rebooted at all because we'll be in the old continuity anyway



Because **THIS TIME** Floundering about like children will make us **TOTALLY POPULAR FOREVER!**



TEN YEARS LATER Aha hahaha! With my reboot machine, I shall restart the universe but with MINOR, INSIGNIFICANT CHANGES



MACBETH! A TALE
OF WITCHCRAFT AND
MURDER!

WE ARE ALSO PROUD
TO INTRODUCE SABRINA TO
OUR TROUPE, BECAUSE I
GUESS SHE'S KINDA COOL AND
WE NEEDED A THIRD FOR
THE WITCHES

SO UH,
MACBETH



WHEN SHALL
WE THREE MEET
AGAIN? IN THUNDER,
LIGHTNING OR IN
RAIN?

YEAH BUT
WHAT'LL THE
WEATHER BE
LIKE?

WHEN THE
HURLY-BURLY'S
DONE, WHEN THE
BATTLE'S LOST
AND WON

HAIL, I
THINK



THAT WILL
BE ERE THE
SET OF SUN

WHERE THE
PLACE?

SO LIKE,
8:30ISH

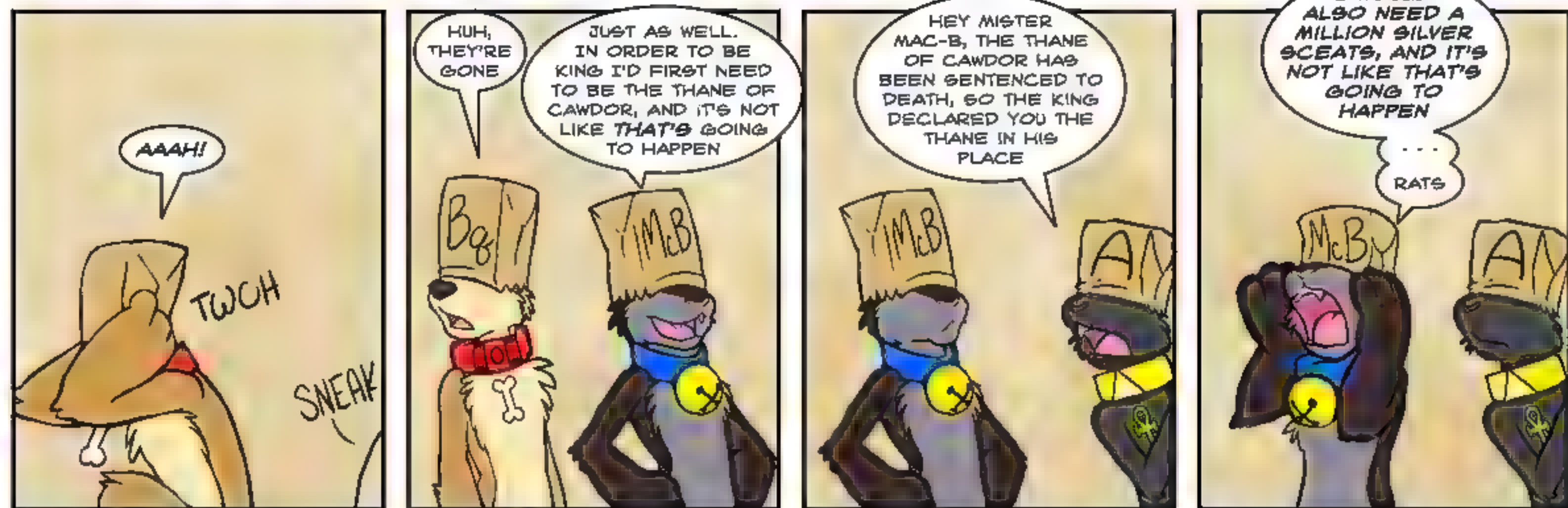
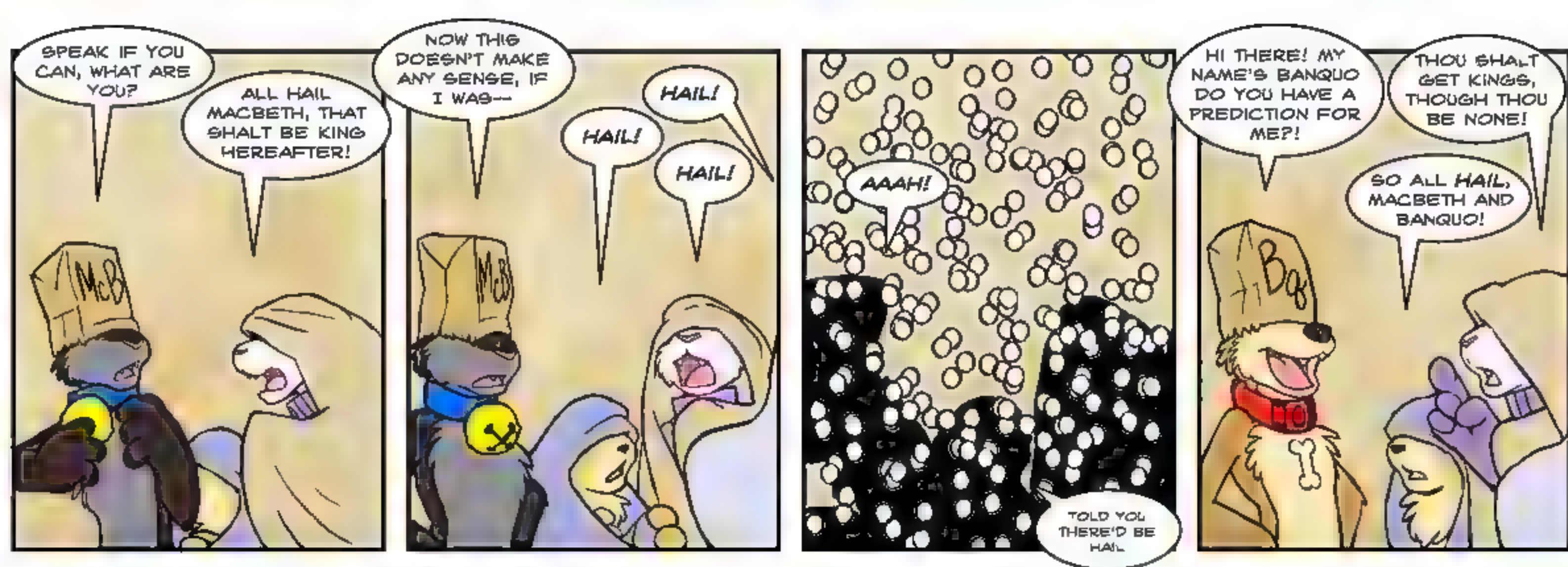
UPON THE
HEATH!



DID
SOMEONE DROP
A CANDY WRAPPER
HERE?

SURP?





HEY HONEY,
I'M HOME FROM
THE WAR

SO
HOW'D IT
GO?

GOOD. DID YOU
GET MY LETTER?
ABOUT THE
WITCHES?

YES! SUCH
WONDERFUL,
UNHOLY NEWS,
HON!



OKAY
GOOD

SO UH,
KING DUNCAN
COMES HERE
TONIGHT

WE
HAVE TO
KILL HIM



ER,
SHOULDN'T WE
TALK ABOUT
THIS?

I MEAN, THE
WEIRD SISTERS DID
SAY I WOULD BE
KING, SO IT'S NOT
LIKE WE HAVE TO
FORCE IT

AND HOW DO YOU
KNOW THAT KILLING
DUNCAN *ISN'T* A
PREREQUISITE?!



WELL, HE
WOULD HAVE
TO DIE FIRST
...

SO WE'RE IN
AGREEMENT

I'LL PUT A
GOLD STAR ON
THE 'MAN OF THE
HOUSE' POSTER
FOR YOU



AFTER A LATE-NIGHT
DRUNKEN SHINDIG

MY
HUSBAND!

I HAVE DONE
THE DEED

GO GET SOME
WATER, AND WASH THIS
FILTHY WITNESS FROM
YOUR HAND

WHY DID YOU BRING
THESE DAGGERS FROM
THE PLACE?! THEY MUST
LIE THERE

I'LL GO NO
MORE! I AM
AFRAID TO THINK
WHAT I HAVE
DONE

KETCHUP

INFIRM OF
PURPOSE! GIVE ME
THE DAGGERS

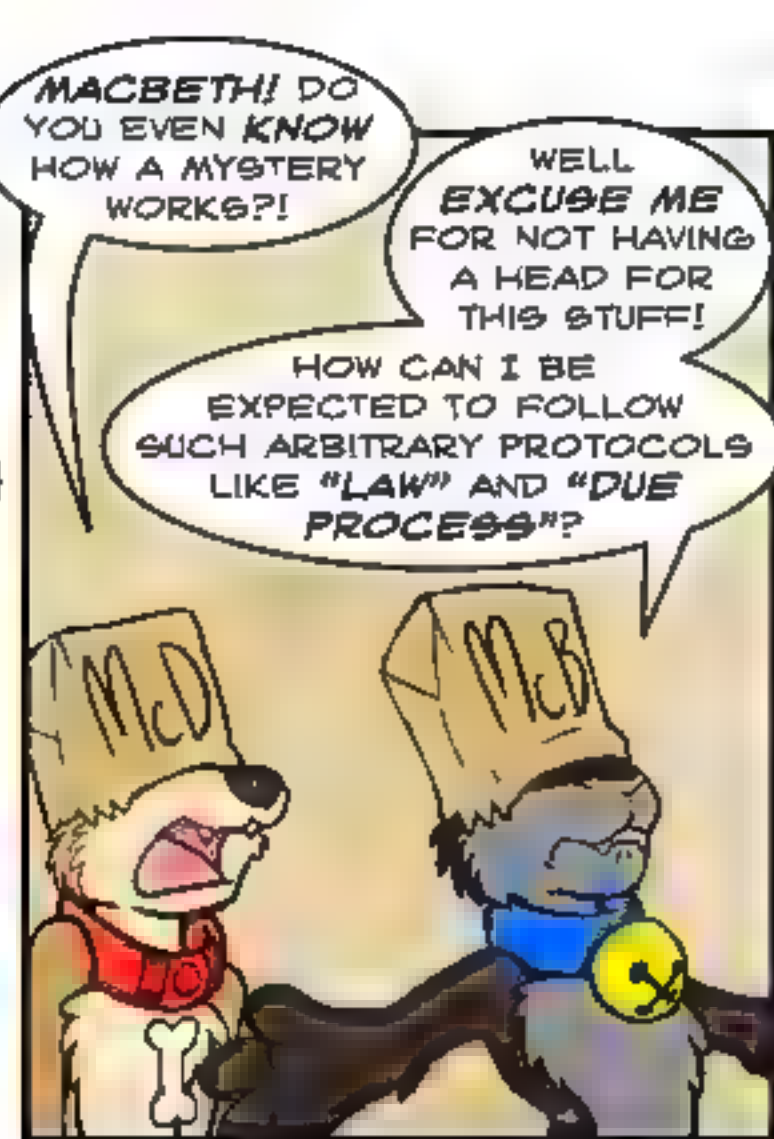
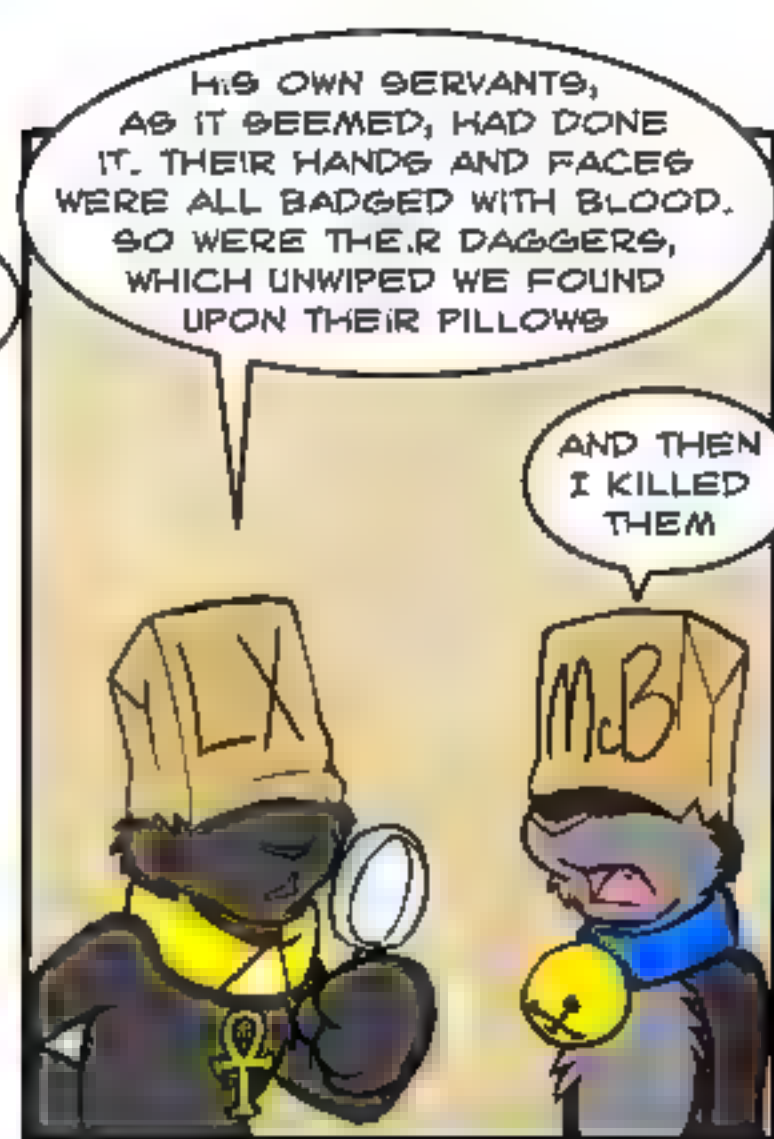
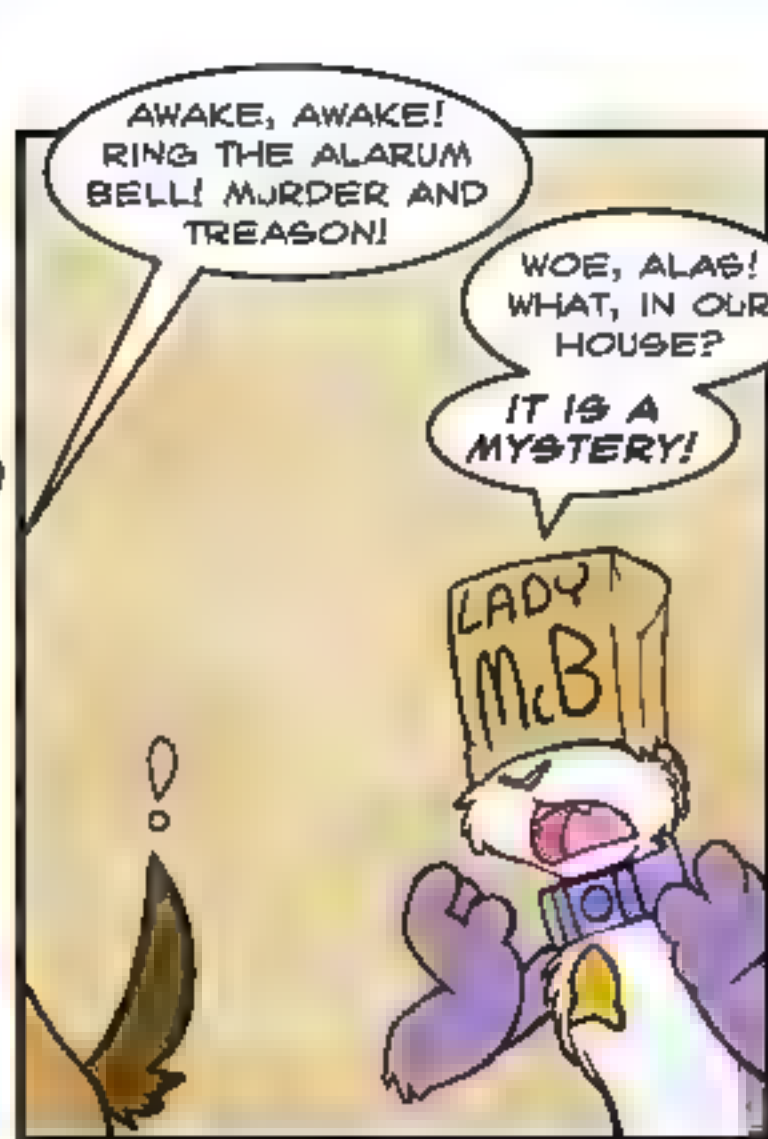
IF DUNCAN DOES
BLEED, I'LL SMEAR HIS
SERVANTS' FACES WITH
HIS BLOOD!

STILL LATER

OKAY
SO

I GOT A
LITTLE CARRIED
AWAY

CATSUP



AND SO, FEARFUL THAT THEY WOULD BE FRAMED FOR INCITING THEIR OWN FATHER'S MURDER, DUNCAN'S TWO SONS FLED THE COUNTRY, THEREBY IMPLICITLY FRAMING THEM FOR THEIR FATHER'S MURDER

MACBETH, BEING THE MOST PROMINENT THANE OF SCOTLAND, WAS THEN CROWNED KING



HOWEVER

THIS IS ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT THE WEIRD SISTERS GAVE THE LINEAGE TO BANQUO'S SONS, NOT MINE

HOW IN THE WORLD AM I SUPPOSED TO ENJOY BEING KING IF I HAVE *THAT* ALBATROSS AROUND MY NECK?!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT, M'LORD

WE SHALL, MY LORD, PERFORM WHAT YOU COMMAND US



NEVERMIND! I JUST NEED YOU TWO TO KILL BANQUO AND HIS SON FOR ME

GOOD!



... THAT ALWAYS WORKS, RIGHT? TRYING TO DEFY IMMUTABLE PROPHECY?

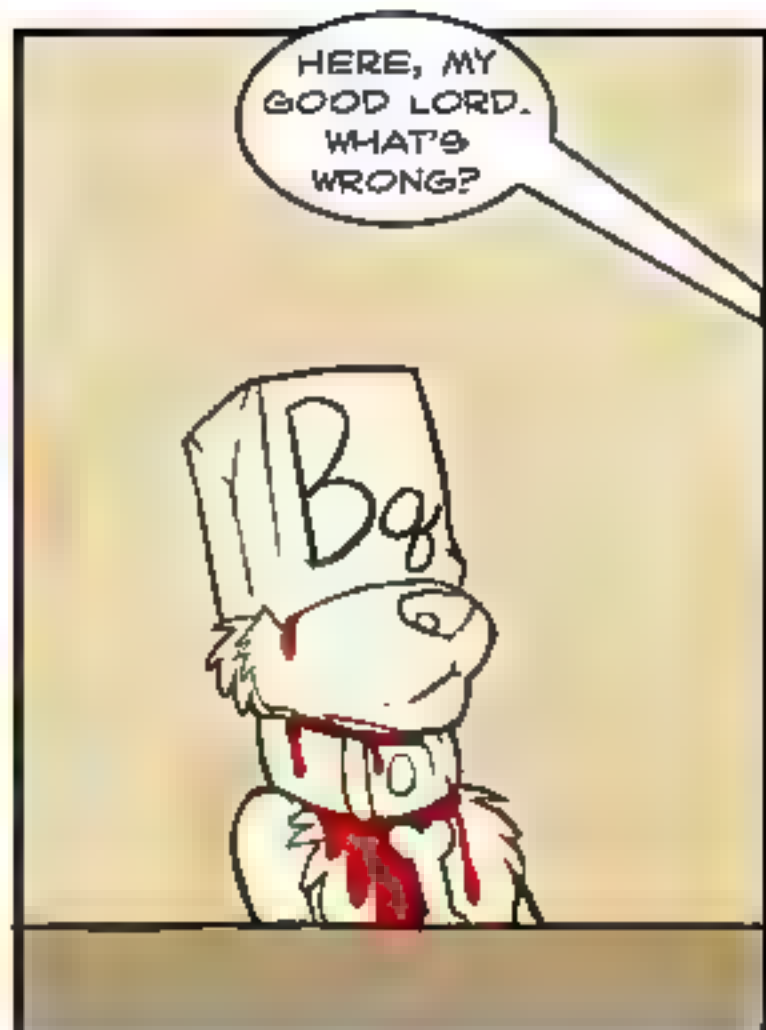
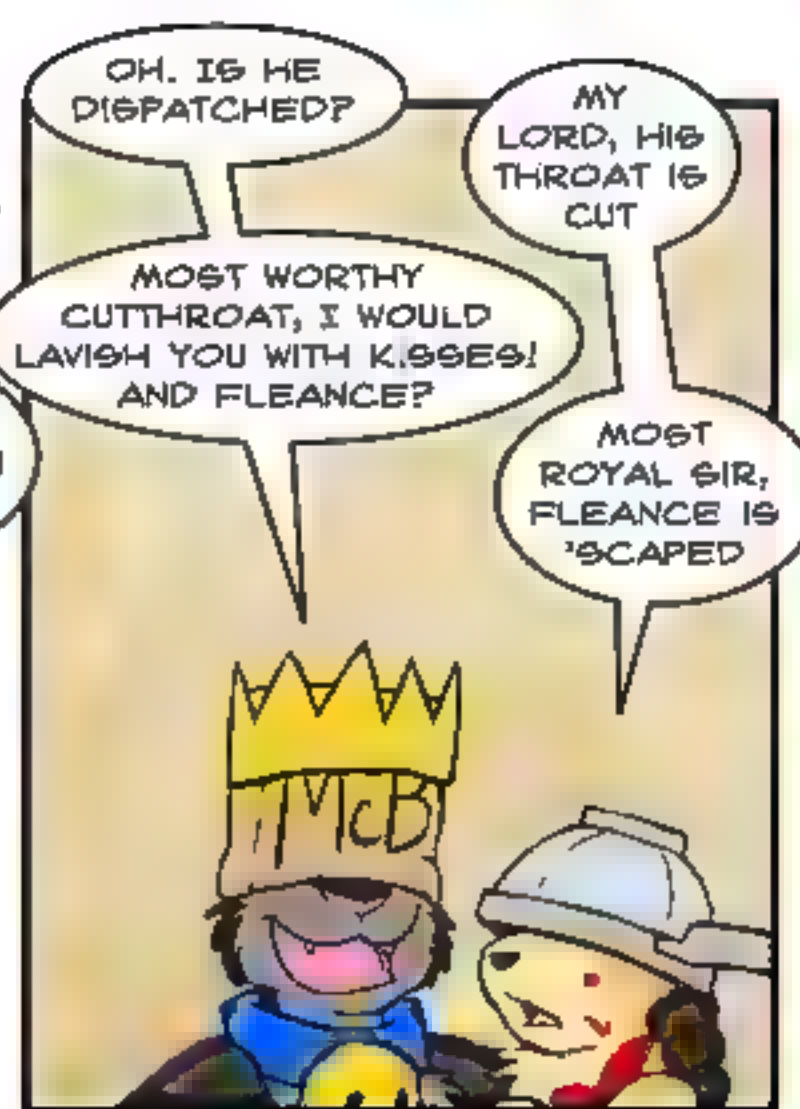
CAN'T SAY; I'M BASICALLY ILLITERATE

WHATEVER, I NEED TO GO PREPARE THE *HUBRIS BANQUET*

IT'S, UH, NAMED FOR SAINT HUBRIS



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WELL I HOPE
YOU'RE HAPPY; YOUR
GIRLISH SCREAMING
RUINED THE
PARTY

I SAID I'M
SORRY!

BESIDES, NOW I'M
WORRIED ABOUT WHY
MACDUFF DIDN'T SHOW UP.
I'M GOING TO SEE THE
WEIRD SISTERS IN THE
MORNING

HMM . . .

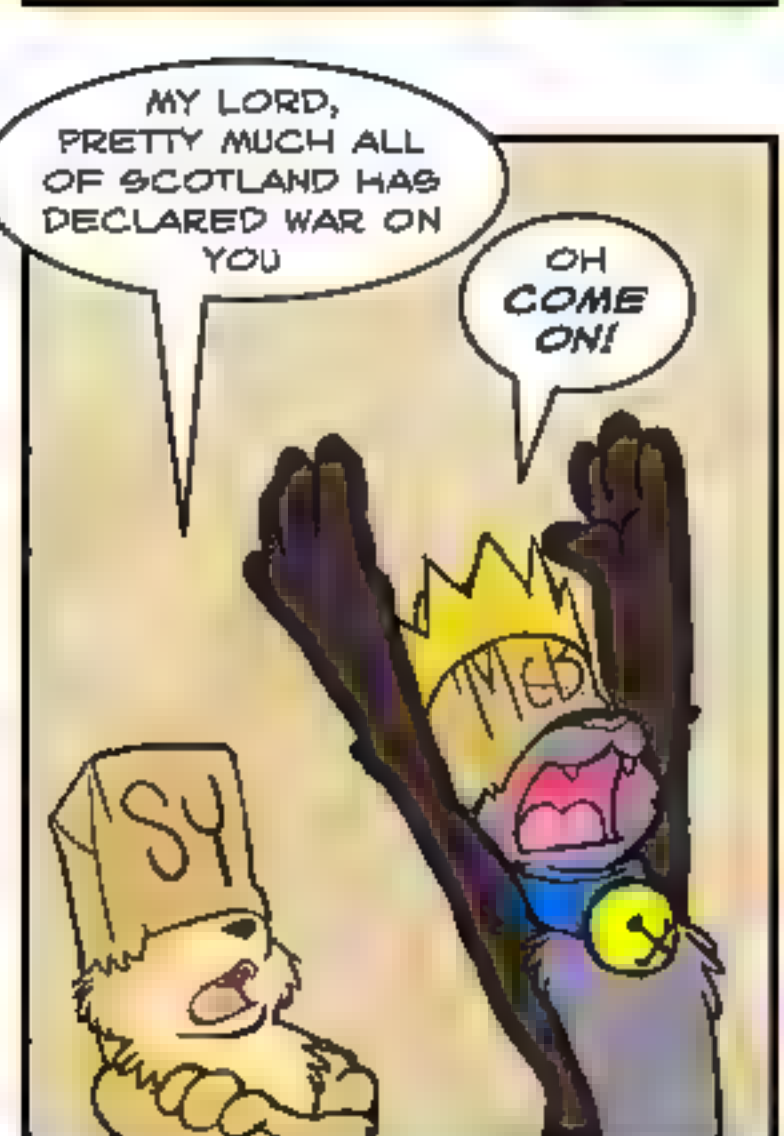
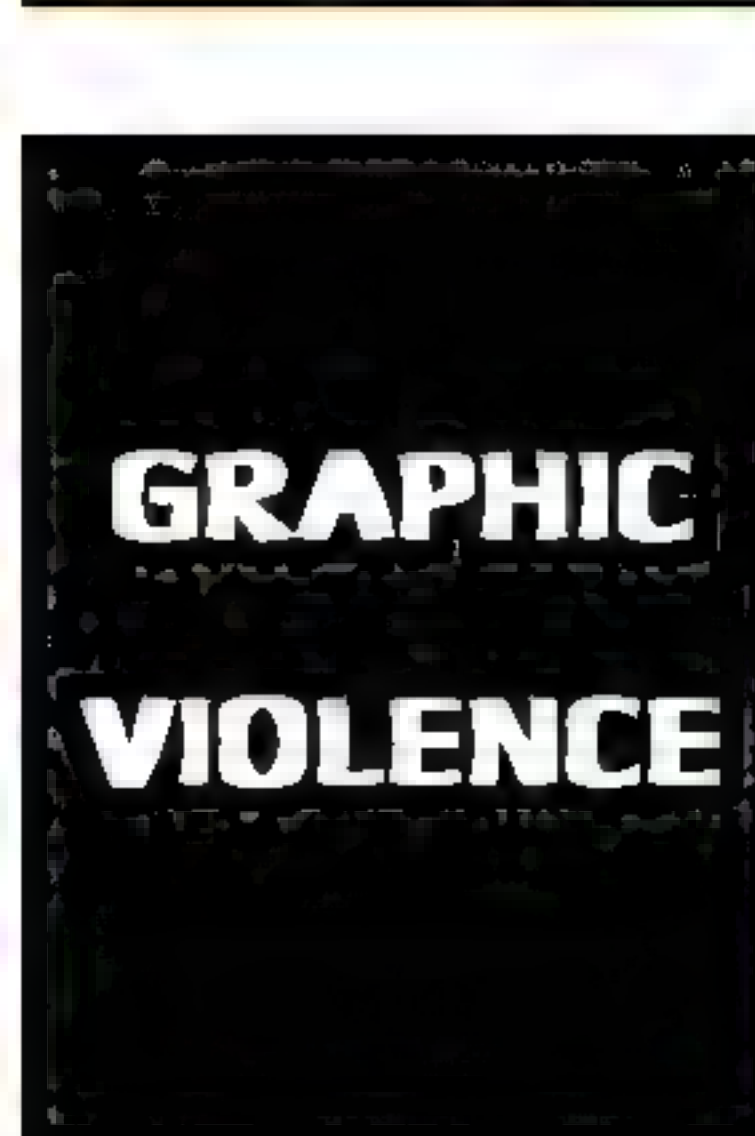
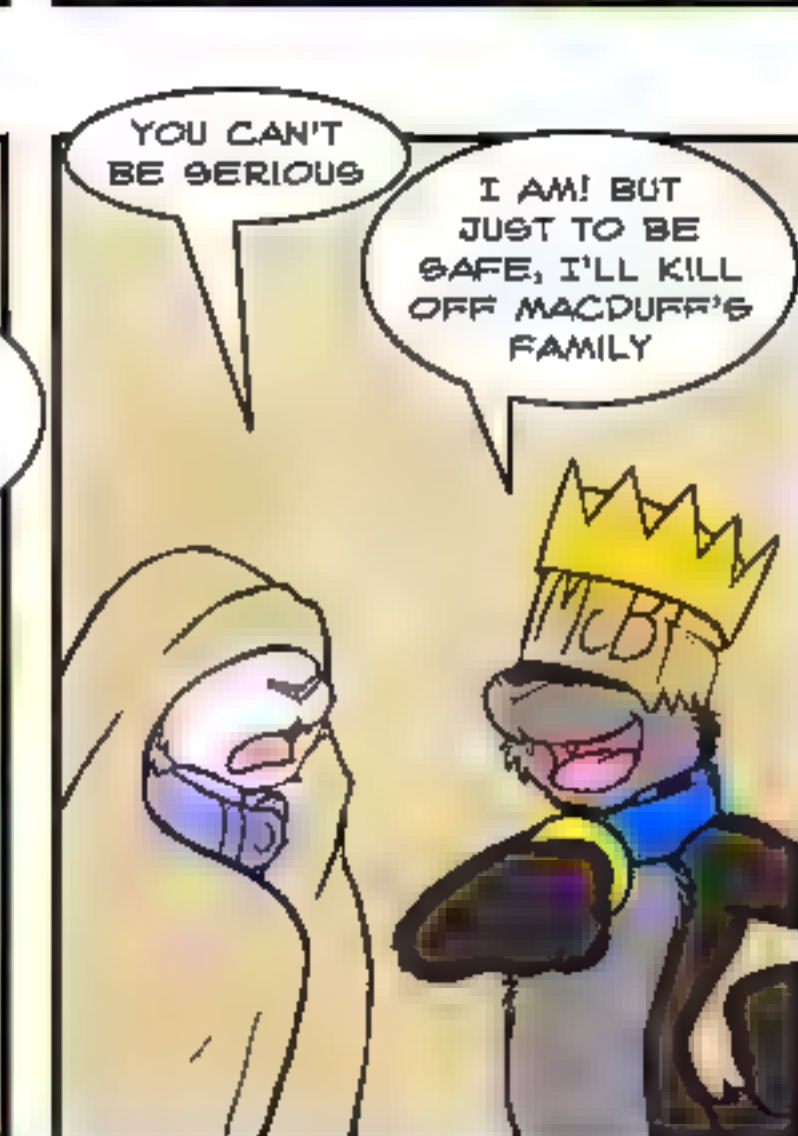
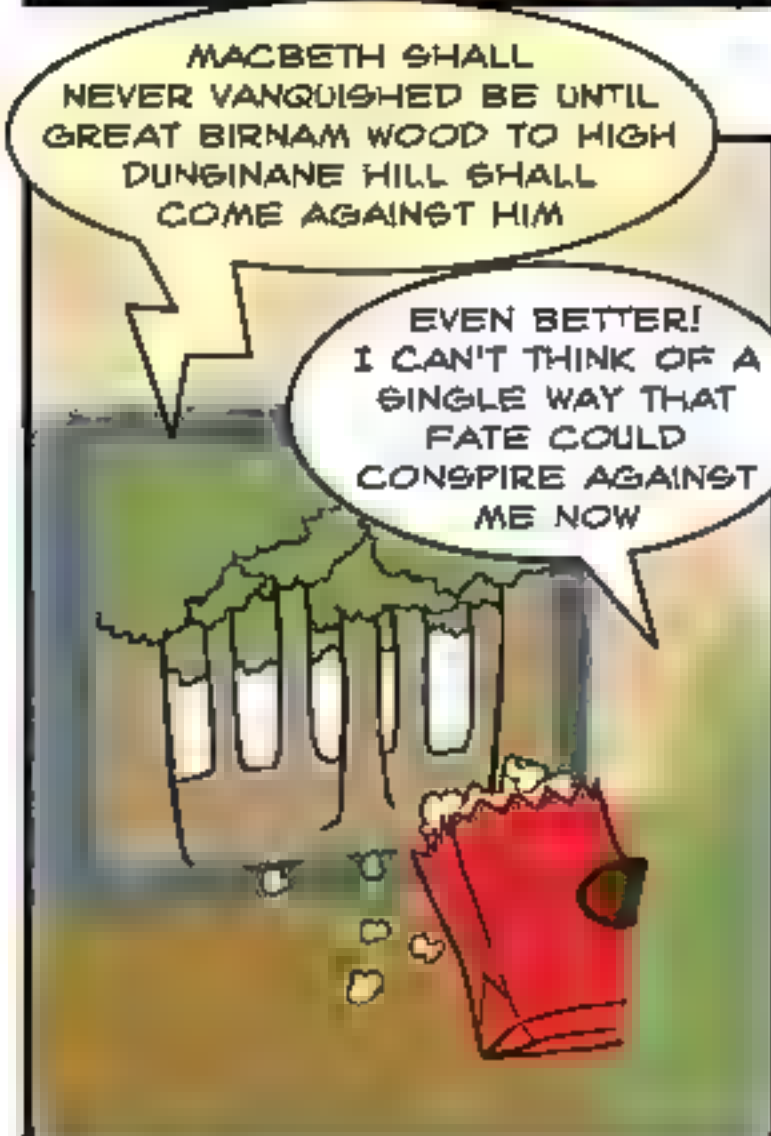
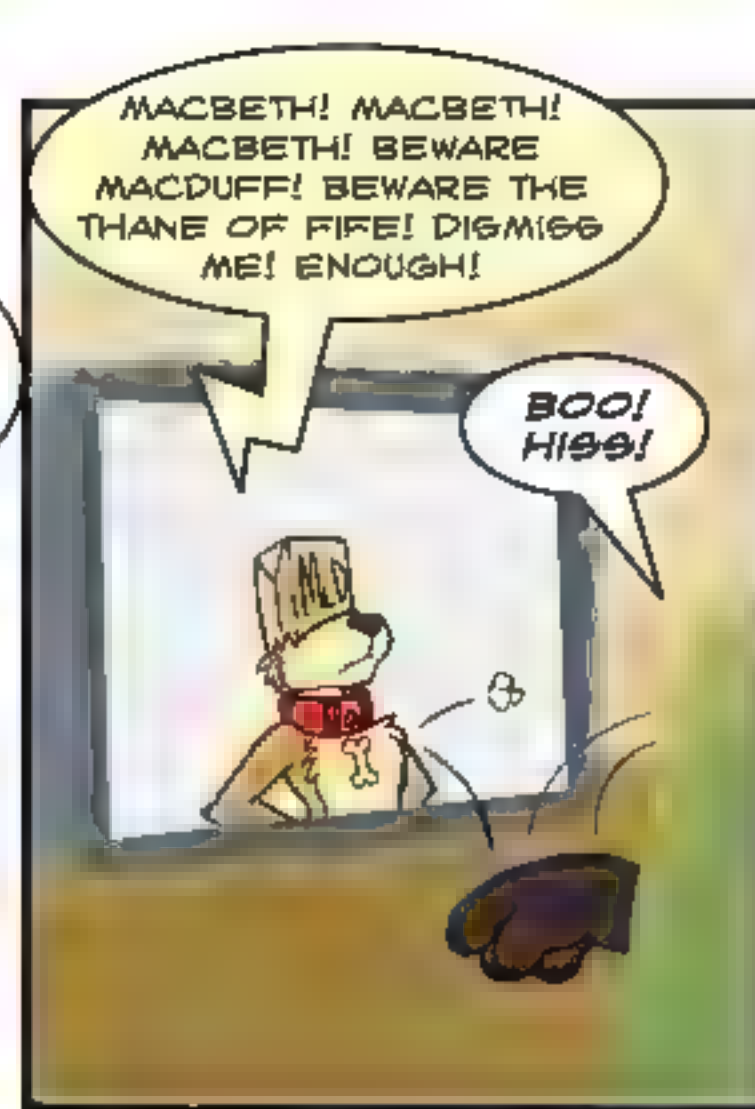
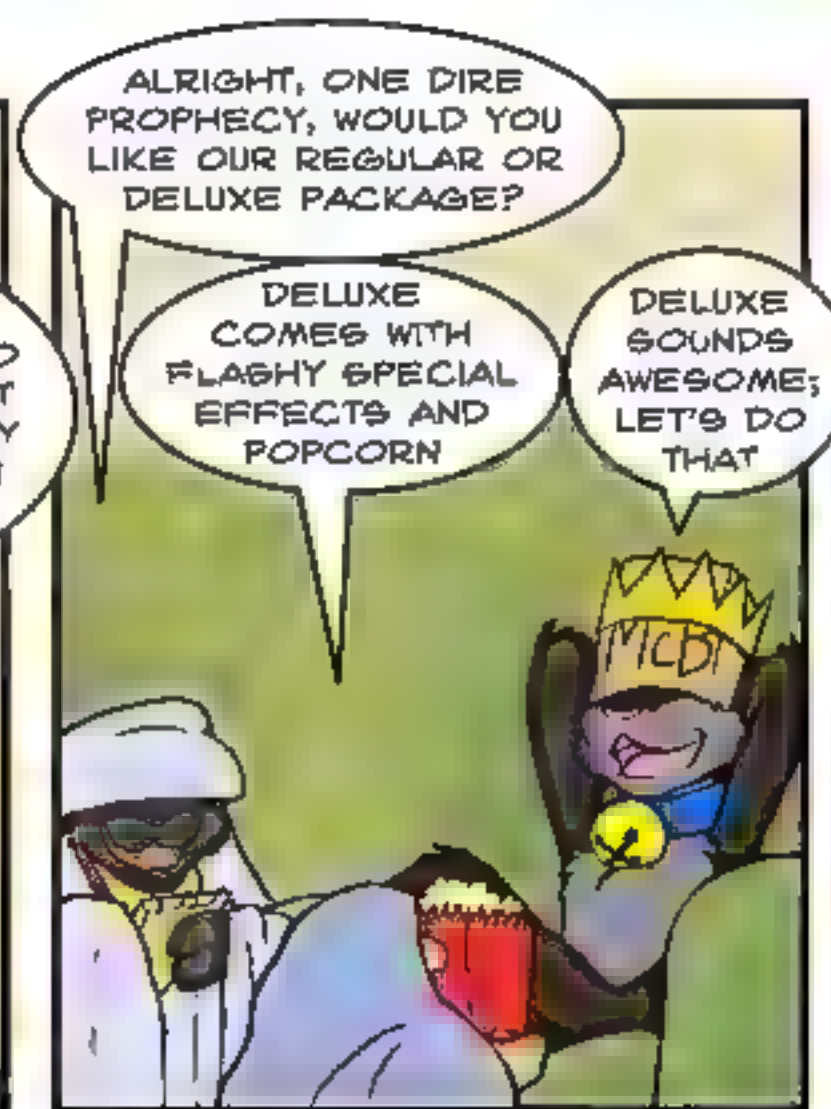
WHAT'S
SHAKIN',
SHAKES?

OH TOM, MY PLAY IS
RUNNING AWFULLY SHORT
AND I CAN'T THINK OF
ANYTHING ELSE THAT
CAN GO IN

DON'T
WORRY—I GOT
YOU COVERED!

**WITCH AND
MEGATE DANCE
PARTY!!!**

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MEANWHILST*

WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
DOCTOR?

HOW
CAN YOU
TELL?

WE MIGHT
HAVE A CASE
OF ACUTE
CRAZINESS

*OLD, FAKE
VERSION OF
"HOUSEPETS"



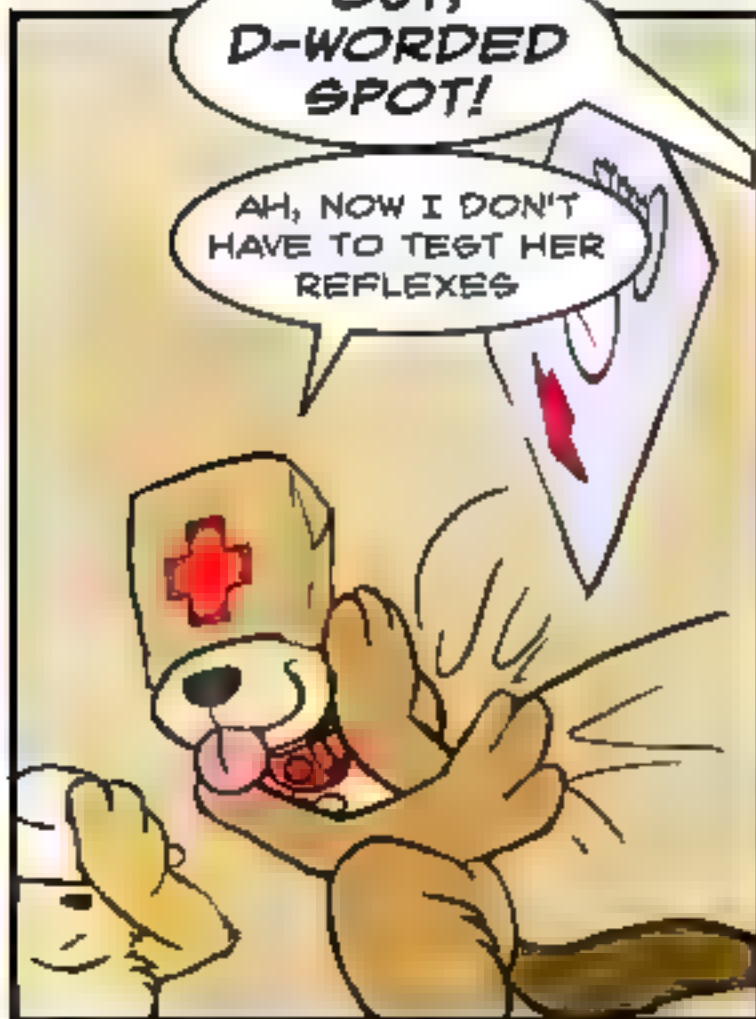
THE
WASHING OF
HANDS WHILE
SLEEPWALKING
INDICATES
PROFOUND
GUILT

NOT SURPRISING,
GIVEN HOW MUCH
EMBARASSING
FANFICTION SHE
TENDS TO WRITE



OUT,
D-WORDED
SPOT!

AH, NOW I DON'T
HAVE TO TEST HER
REFLEXES



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WELL BRING IT,
SUCKERS! I AM
INVINCIBLE

THUMP

WHAT WAS
THAT?

THE QUEEN, MY
LORD, IS DEAD

OH ...
SUCKS

STILL, I'M ...
BASICALLY
INVINCIBLE?

I LOOKED
TOWARD BIRNAM, AND
ANON METHOUGHT
THE WOOD BEGAN
TO MOVE

THEY CUT DOWN
THE TREES AND ARE
USING THEM TO HIDE
THEIR NUMBERS!

LIAR AND
SLAVE!

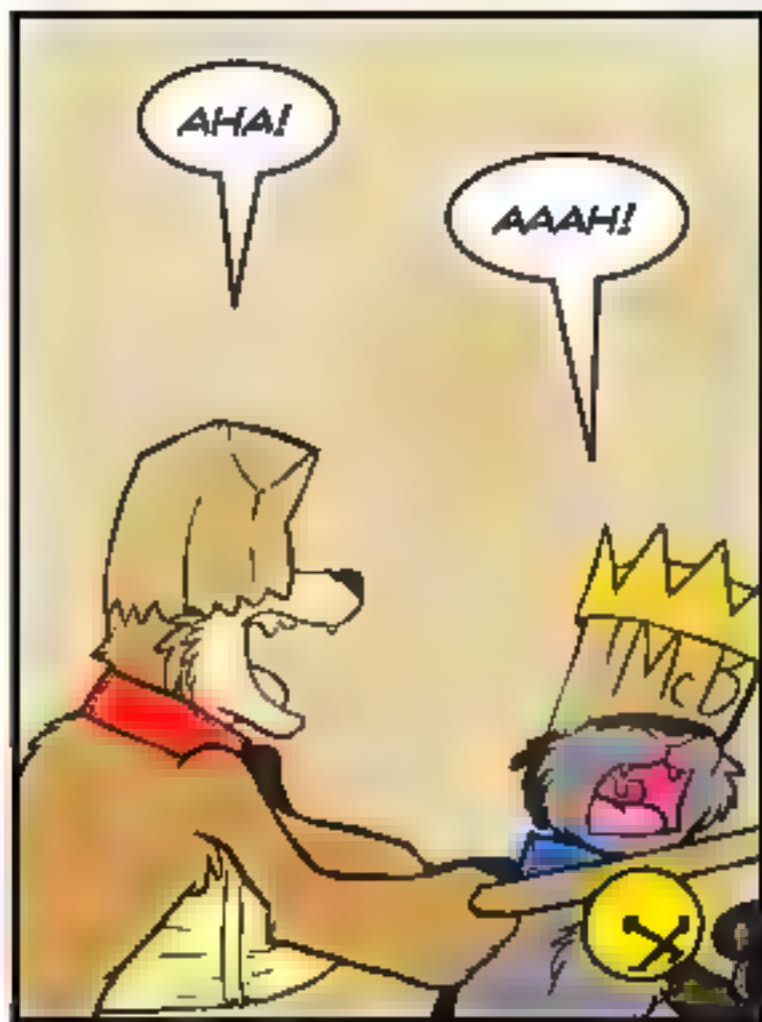
IT DOESN'T
MATTER! NO MAN
OF WOMAN BORN
CAN KILL ME!

AHA!
MACDUFF WAS
FROM HIS MOTHER'S
WOMB UNTIMELY
RIPPED!

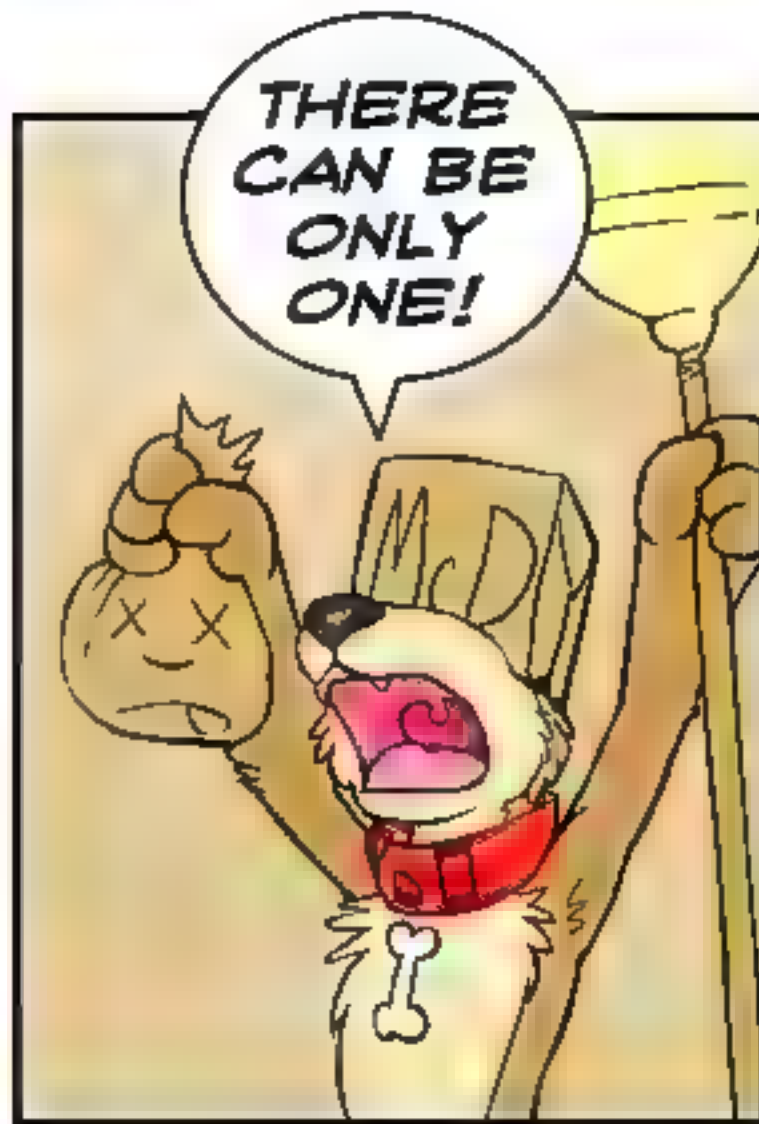
HOW DOES
THAT EVEN
COUNT?

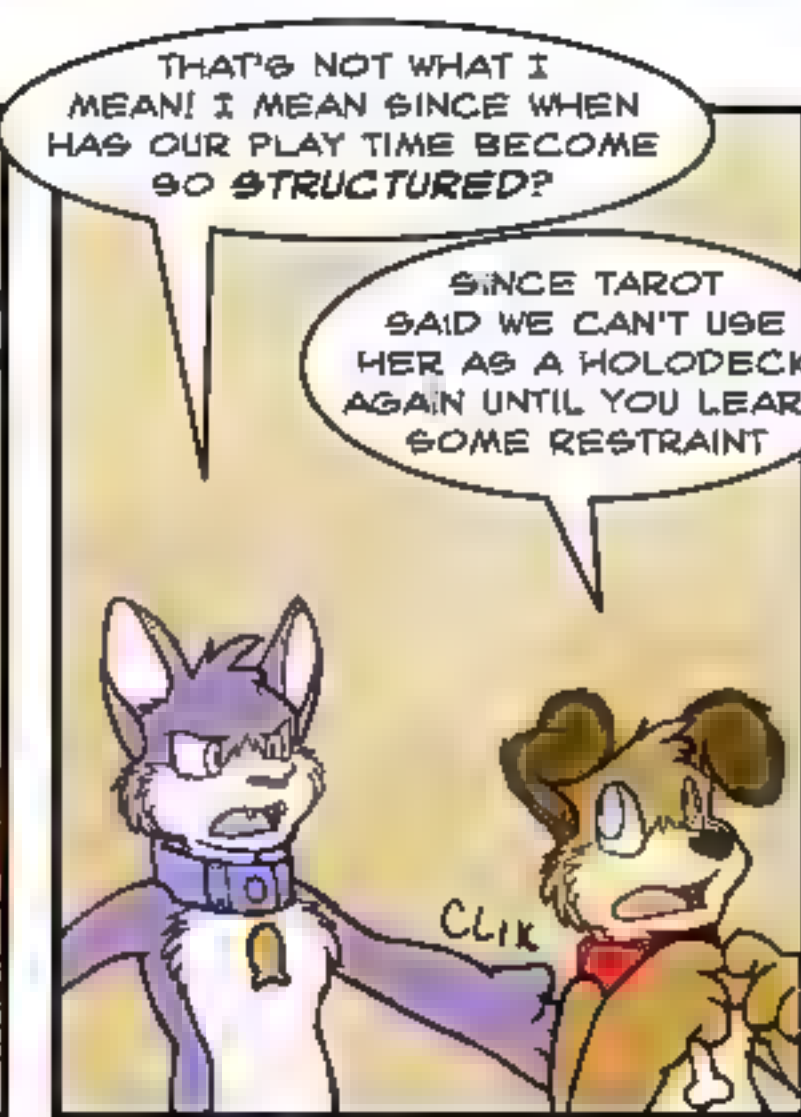
WELL
TECHNICALLY
MY MOM WAS A
DOG

HEY! YOU'RE
ALWAYS GOING ON
ABOUT BREAKING
CHARACTER SO
HUSH



Rick Griffin

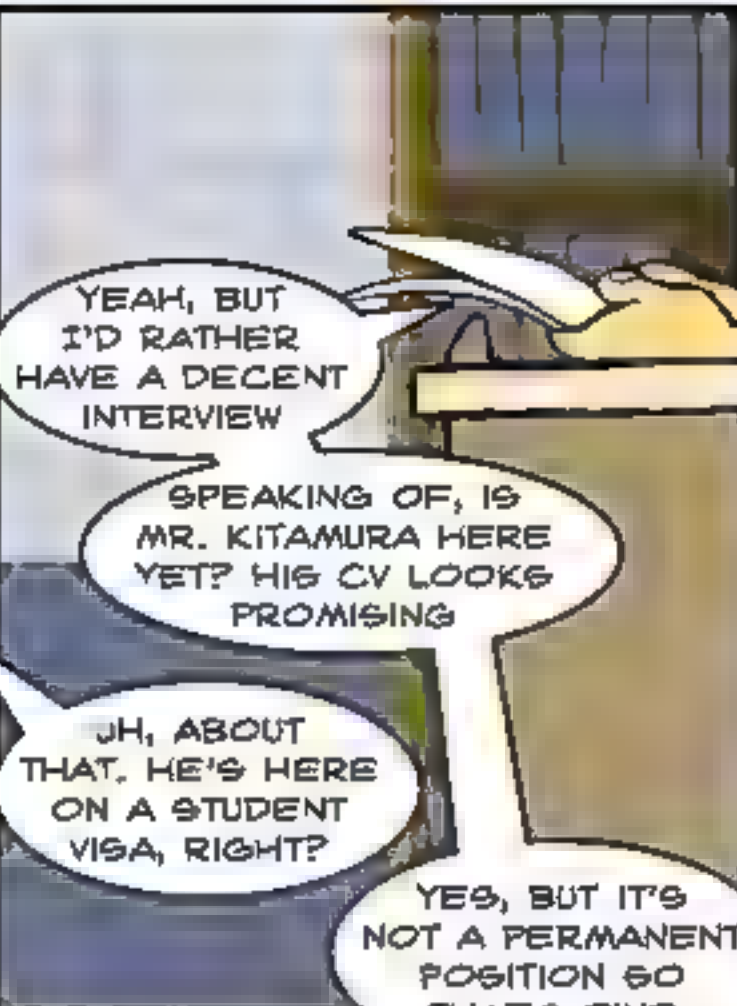






I'M BEGINNING
TO THINK THE WORST
PART OF THIS ECONOMY
IS SLOUGHING THROUGH
ALL THE CANDIDATES
FOR EVEN PART-TIME
JOBS

AT LEAST YOU
HAVE YOUR PICK,
EARL

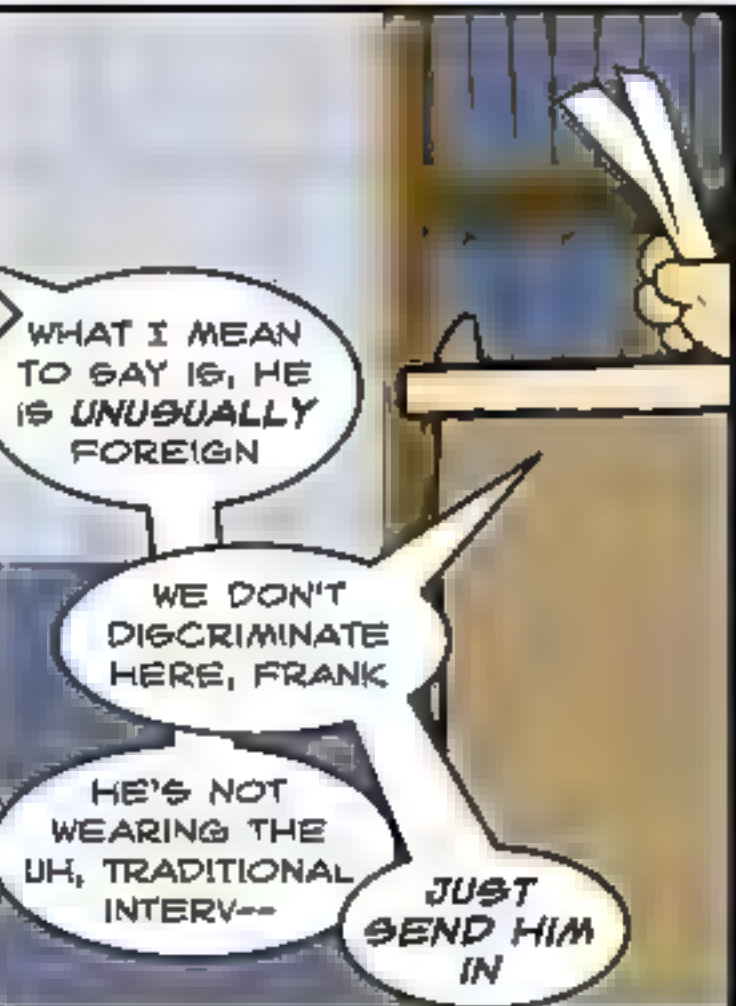


YEAH, BUT
I'D RATHER
HAVE A DECENT
INTERVIEW

SPEAKING OF, IS
MR. KITAMURA HERE
YET? HIS CV LOOKS
PROMISING

UH, ABOUT
THAT. HE'S HERE
ON A STUDENT
VISA, RIGHT?

YES, BUT IT'S
NOT A PERMANENT
POSITION SO
THAT'S FINE



WHAT I MEAN
TO SAY IS, HE
IS **UNUSUALLY**
FOREIGN

WE DON'T
DISCRIMINATE
HERE, FRANK

HE'S NOT
WEARING THE
UH, TRADITIONAL
INTERV--

**JUST
SEND HIM
IN**



KONNICHAWA,
SANDWICH-HANCHO!
IT IS SO NICE TO
MEET YOU!

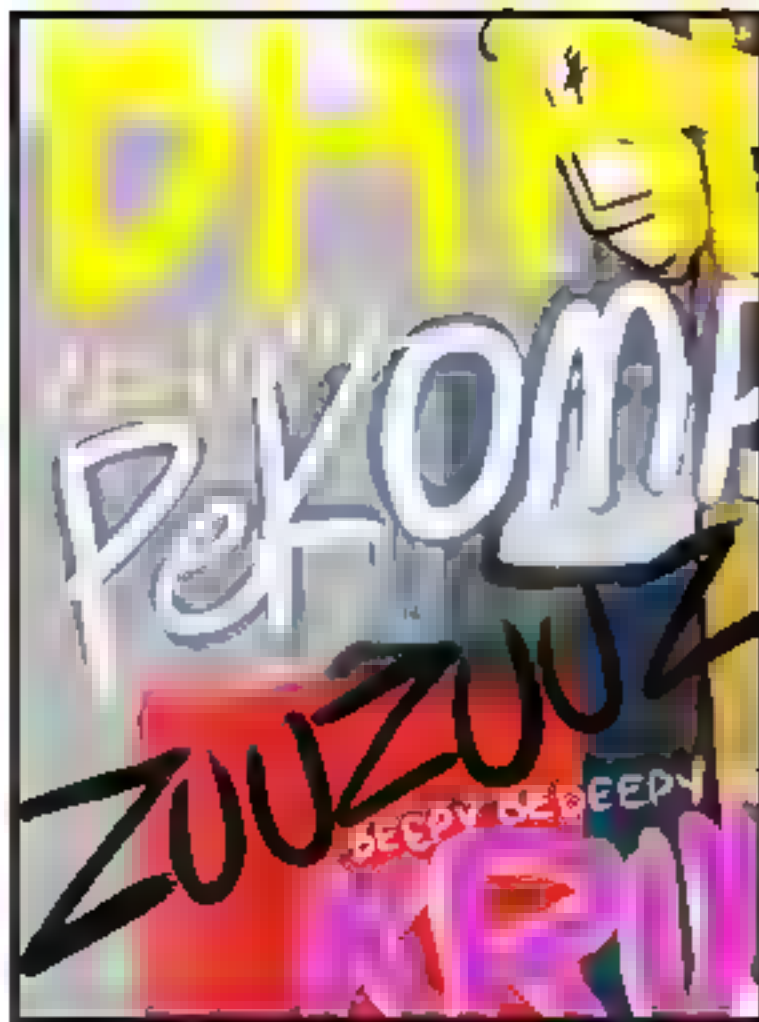
OKAY, EARL,
YOU NEED TO
EXPAND THE
SCOPE OF YOUR
"BE PREPARED FOR
ANYTHING" SELF-
MOTIVATIONAL
SPEECHES



I'VE MOSTLY
MADE UP MY MIND,
BUT I'D LIKE TO
TEST YOU

SHOW ME AN OIL
CHANGE ON THE RED
CAR AND A TIRE
ROTATION ON THE
BLUE

HAI!



EXCELLENT
SPEED, BUT YOUR
TECHNIQUE NEEDS A
LIGHTER TOUCH

WHY? WHAT
DID I GET
WRONG?





Adverbs

Adverbs are a terrible blight on the English language. Their usage is a sign of weak writing and a stupid author. There is no reason you should ever include one of these horrid monstrosities.



For instance, instead of saying:
"He ran quickly down the street."

Try:
"He sprinted down the street."



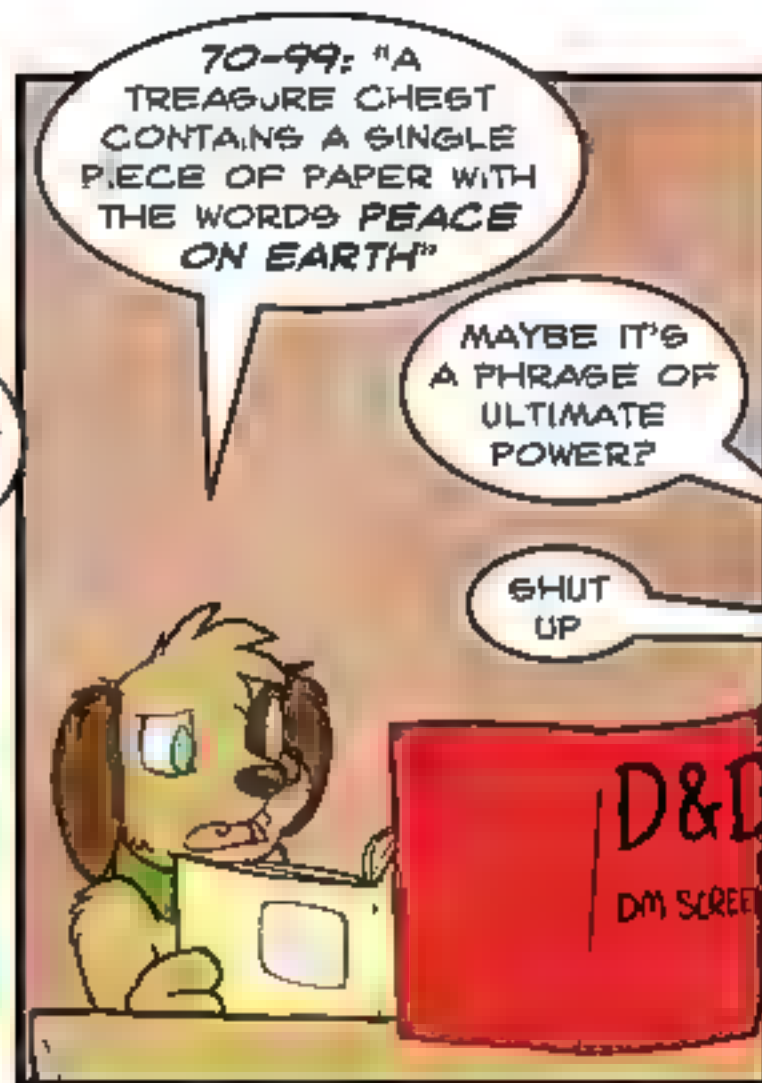
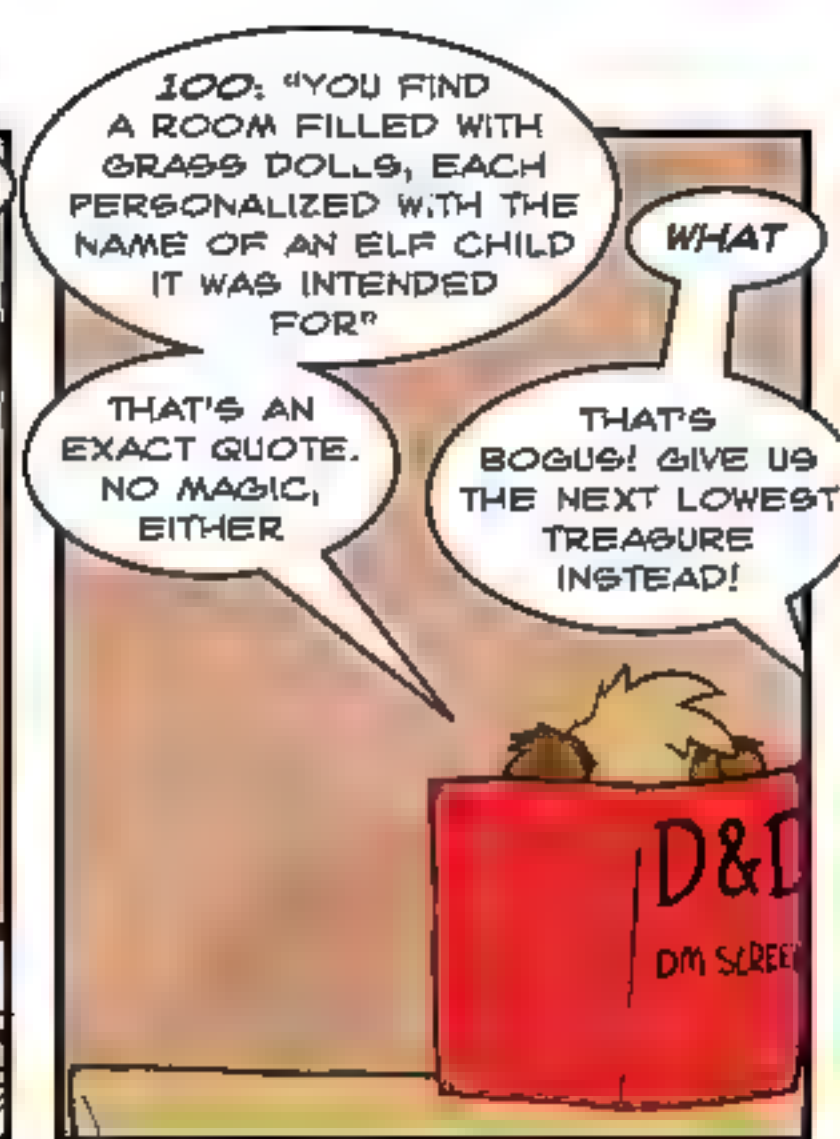
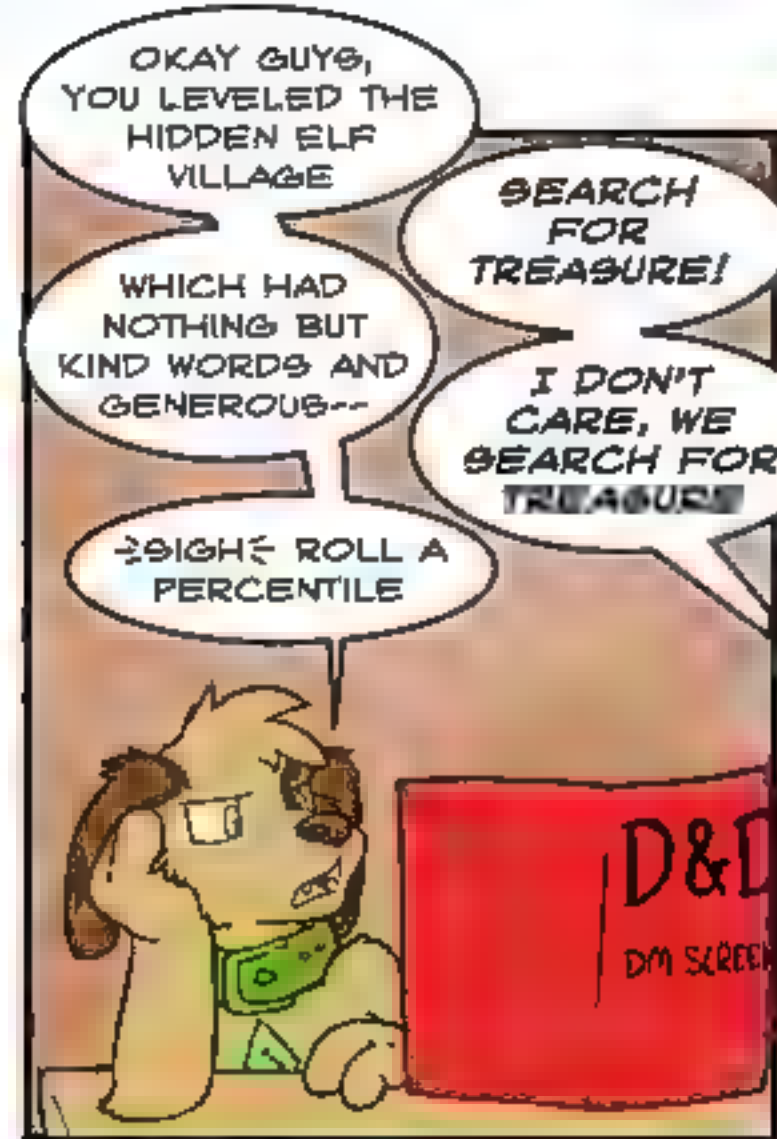
FLIP



Instead of saying:
"Let's go for a walk tomorrow."

Try:
"Let's go for a walk on the day after this one."







Rick Griffin

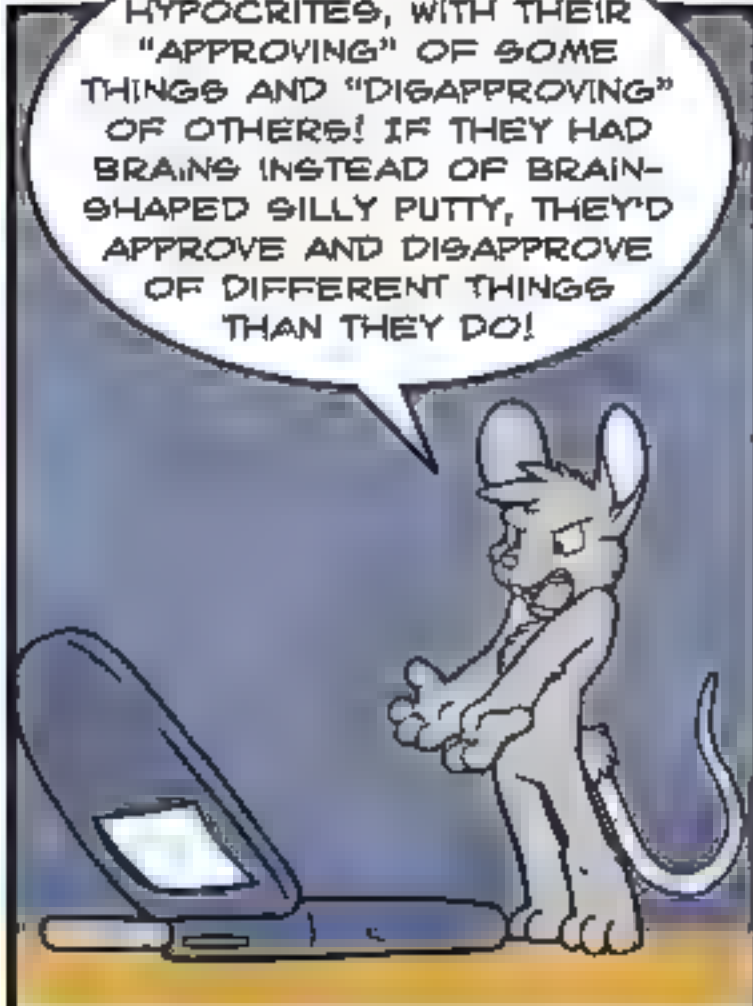


Jerry the mouse is standing next to a vintage-style radio. He is looking at the radio with a determined expression.

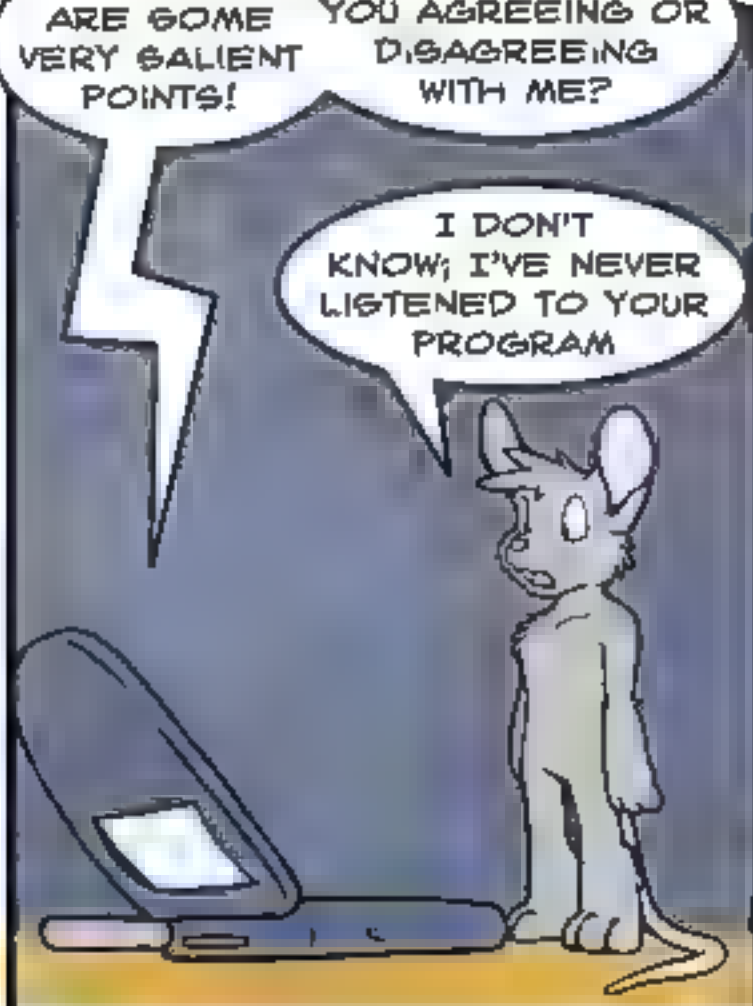
HELLO, TALK
RADIO PROGRAM! I
AM VERY ANGRY ABOUT
THOSE THINGS YOU
JUST SAID!

A close-up of Jerry's face as he speaks. He has a wide-eyed, intense expression with his mouth open.

HOW CAN
PEOPLE BE SO
INTOLERANT? I WON'T
TOLERATE IT! HOW CAN
THOSE OTHER PEOPLE
BE SO TOLERANT? I
CAN'T TOLERATE
THEM, EITHER!

Jerry is shown from the waist up, gesturing with his hands as he speaks. A large speech bubble is positioned above him.

THEY'RE SUCH
HYPOCRITES, WITH THEIR
"APPROVING" OF SOME
THINGS AND "DISAPPROVING"
OF OTHERS! IF THEY HAD
BRAINS INSTEAD OF BRAIN-
SHAPED SILLY PUTTY, THEY'D
APPROVE AND DISAPPROVE
OF DIFFERENT THINGS
THAN THEY DO!

Jerry is standing next to the radio, looking at it. A large lightning bolt symbol is drawn next to the speech bubble.

THOSE
ARE SOME
VERY SALIENT
POINTS!

BUT . . . ARE
YOU AGREEING OR
DISAGREEING
WITH ME?

I DON'T
KNOW; I'VE NEVER
LISTENED TO YOUR
PROGRAM

MONDAY, 10:23 PM

THE K-9 UNIT WAS SUMMONED TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. TEN CRATES OF HIGHLY VALUABLE AZTEC ARTIFACTS HAD GONE MISSING FROM A TRUCK EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO

AND YOU ALWAYS CHECKED THE CARGO BEFORE PULLING OUT OF TRUCK STOPS?



YES SIR. IT WAS THERE WHEN I LEFT SPRINGFIELD, AND GONE WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE CAB HERE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OFFICER BYRON WILL HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR YOU



... YOU'RE A DOG

"OFFICER" WILL BE FINE, NONE OF THAT "GOOD BOY" NONSENSE

NOW IF YOU PLEASE, ABOUT YOUR CARGO ...



WHAT DID IT SMELL LIKE?

UM

THE PROPERTY
MANAGER, A BANKER
NAMED REUBEN TRUSS, HAD
INITIALLY REQUESTED POLICE
ESCORT OF THE PROPERTY
BUT CANCELLED AT THE
LAST MINUTE ON SUNDAY
FOR UNKNOWN--

... KEVIN,
WOULD YOU AT
LEAST TRY TO PAY
ATTENTION?

SORRY! I
GET EXCITED
WHEN THERE'S A
MYSTERY AND ALL
THIS BACKGROUND
STUFF IS REALLY
BORING!

KEVIN, WE HAVE A
SEARCH AREA OF **SEVENTY
SQUARE MILES**. HEADQUARTERS
HAS REQUESTED WE STAY UP TO
SPEED, IN CASE WE CAN
NARROW IT DOWN

DON'T BOTHER, THE
OWNER DID IT FOR THE
INSURANCE

OH I'M SORRY, DID I
SPOIL THE ENDING? MAYBE
IF YOU WATCHED TV COP
SHOWS ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU'D
FIGURE THIS STUFF OUT
FASTER!

FIDO, WHAT
IS HE DOING
HERE?

HE
CHEWED MY
EAR ABOUT
IT

THE FIRST
QUESTION IS HOW
THE ARTIFACTS WERE
REMOVED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
HIGHWAY

I KNOW! A
SWARM OF BATS
DID IT!

KEVIN, NOW IS A
TIME FOR PLAUSIBLE
EXPLANATIONS, NOT THE
FIRST THING THAT POPS
INTO YOUR HEAD! DO
YOU UNDERST--

DOES IT COUNT IF
SOMETHING MADE ME
THINK OF IT?



Rick Griffin



EHEHEHE!
A STATEMENT FROM ME YOU WILL GET;
IT WILL BE YOUR MOST INTERESTING YET!
FROM THE LIP OF THE SHADE
YOU'LL FIND PROMISING AID
AND KNOWLEDGE OF A LONG-UNPAID DEBT!



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MEANWHILE AT HEADQUARTERS

THIS IS
TERRANCE, HE WILL
BE LIASON BETWEEN
FORENSICS AND
THE K-9 UNIT

GOOD
NIGHT!

GOOD, UH,
EVENING

THE ARTIFACTS
WERE IN TEN CRATES
BEHIND THESE TWENTY
FILLED WITH PAPER,
INTENDED AS A
DECOY

THE WAY
THEY'RE SCATTERED?
THEY WERE TOPPLED
OVER, AND ONLY AFTER
THE ARTIFACT CRATES
WERE REMOVED

WHAT ARE
THESE MARKINGS
RIGHT HERE?

I'M ...
NOT SURE

ENHANCE
AROUND THIS
AREA

ERM, THESE ARE
OUR PHOTOGRAPHS,
THEY'RE AS ENHANCED
AS—

ENHANCE!

WE HAVE
THE TRUCK IN
EVIDENCE

WELL
OKAY
THEN!

WHAT DO YOU
MAKE OF IT?

IT WAS A DRAWING
MADE WITH CHARCOAL;
MOST OF IT WAS WIPED
WHEN THE CRATES
FELL

THERE WAS
RESIDUE ON ONE
OF THE CRATES
THAT BRUSHED IT
OFF

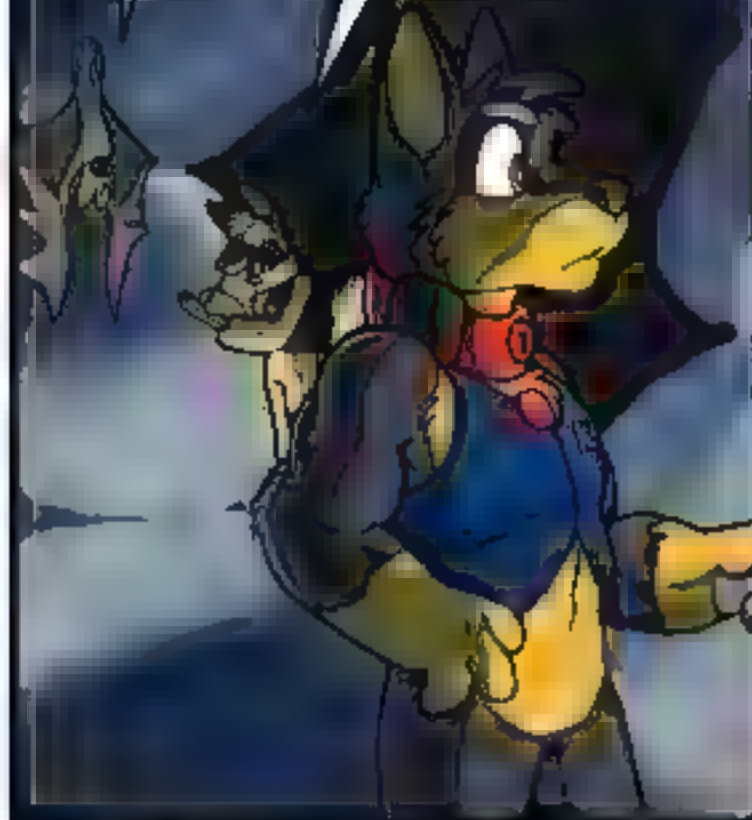


THOUGH I CAN'T
SAY WE'D KNOW WHAT
IT MEANT, EVEN IF WE
HAD THE WHOLE
SYMBOL



... AND
NONE FATHOM
THE TERROR
OF THE
LIGHTS!

GIR, WOULD
YOU PLEASE
SLOW DOWN





DOUSE
THE LIGHTS!
THAT'S
THEM!

WHAT DO
WE DO?!

UGH, WE'RE
TOO DEEP TO
GET RADIO
CONTACT

KEVIN, YOU GET
TO THE SURFACE
AND CONTACT HQ.
WE'LL PIN THEM
DOWN

THEY'RE
GONNA HEAR
US!

NOT IF
WE SOUND
... LIKE
BATS!

BOY I SURE
ATE A LOT OF
BUGS TONIGHT,
SKEE SKEE!

YOU KNOW,
I WONDER
ABOUT YOU
GUYS

SKEE, YES
AND NOW WE ARE
GOING TO FLAP
AROUND THE CAVE,
POSSIBLY GOING
DOWN NEAR THE
RIVER

IF I WEREN'T
A BAT, ALL THIS
SKEEING SURE
WOULD HURT MY
THROAT!

UH,
GUYS?

NO KEVIN!
YOU HAVE TO
RAISE THE PITCH
OF YOUR
VOICE!

KEVIN WOULD YOU
HURRY UP AND GET TO
THE SURFACE? WE NEED
TO MAKE CONTACT
WITH-- ㄟㄟ



GHOST!

QUICK! RUN AWAY
IN AN AWKWARDLY-
PACKED GROUP!

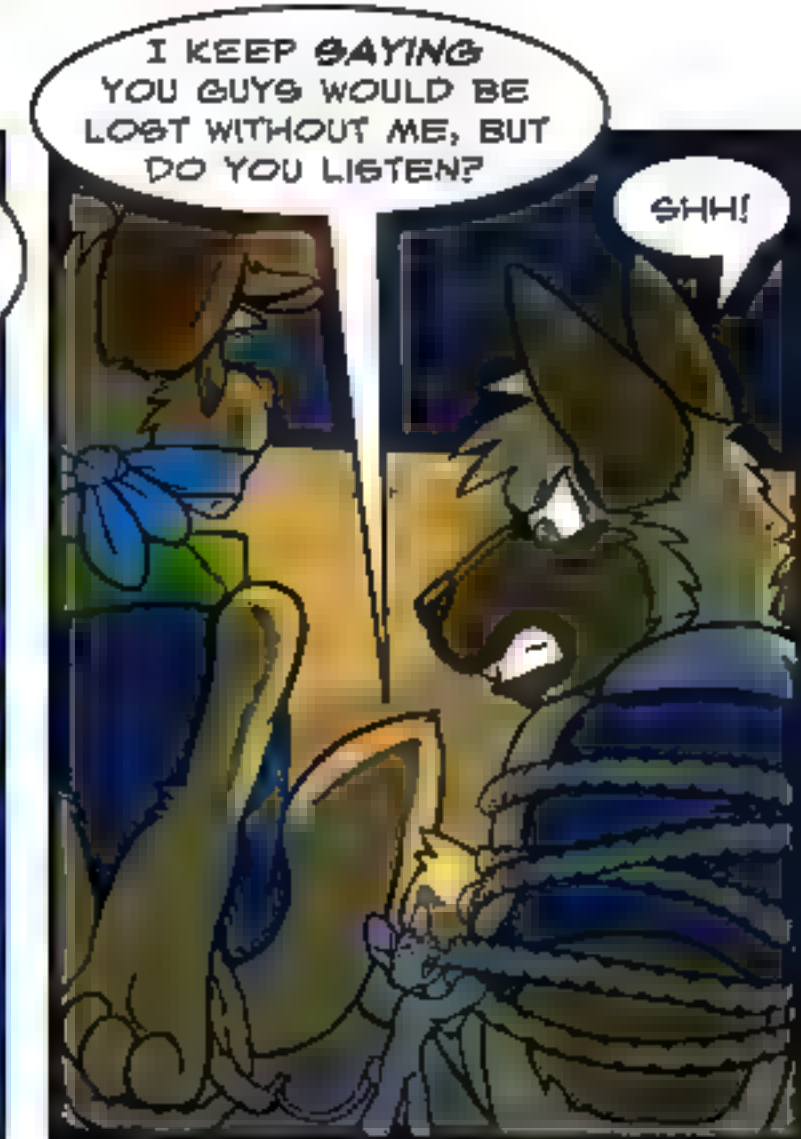


HUH, I THOUGHT
FOR SURE THAT HE
WOULD CHASE US
INTO THE HALL OF
DOORS

KEVIN!
DON'T GIVE HIM
ANY IDEAS!







GUYS, THE
GHOST WAS
TALKING TO
ME

IT WAS
LIKE DOLPHIN
SPEECH, BUT A
LOT QUIETER

TEOXIHUITL WAS
A KNIGHT UNDER
MONTEZUMA. HE
WAS CHARGED
WITH PROTECTING
THE ROYAL VAULT
FROM THE
PRYING EYES OF
THE SPANISH



AS A SPIRIT, HE SANK
THE SPANISH SHIP
THAT CARRIED OFF
THE GOLD. BUT
BECAUSE HE HAD
FEARED HIS OWN
DEATH, HE WAS
THOUGHT A COWARD
AND HIS CHARGE
WAS CONSIDERED
UNFULFILLED



KNOWING HE WOULD
NOT SURVIVE, HE
FOUND A SAGE
WHO TOLD HIM OF
THE POWER AFTER
DEATH, SUCH AS
THE SIGNS WHICH
WOULD LET HIM,
AMONG OTHER
THINGS, FOLD
SPACE, BUT ONLY
IF DRAWN BY A
LIVING HAND

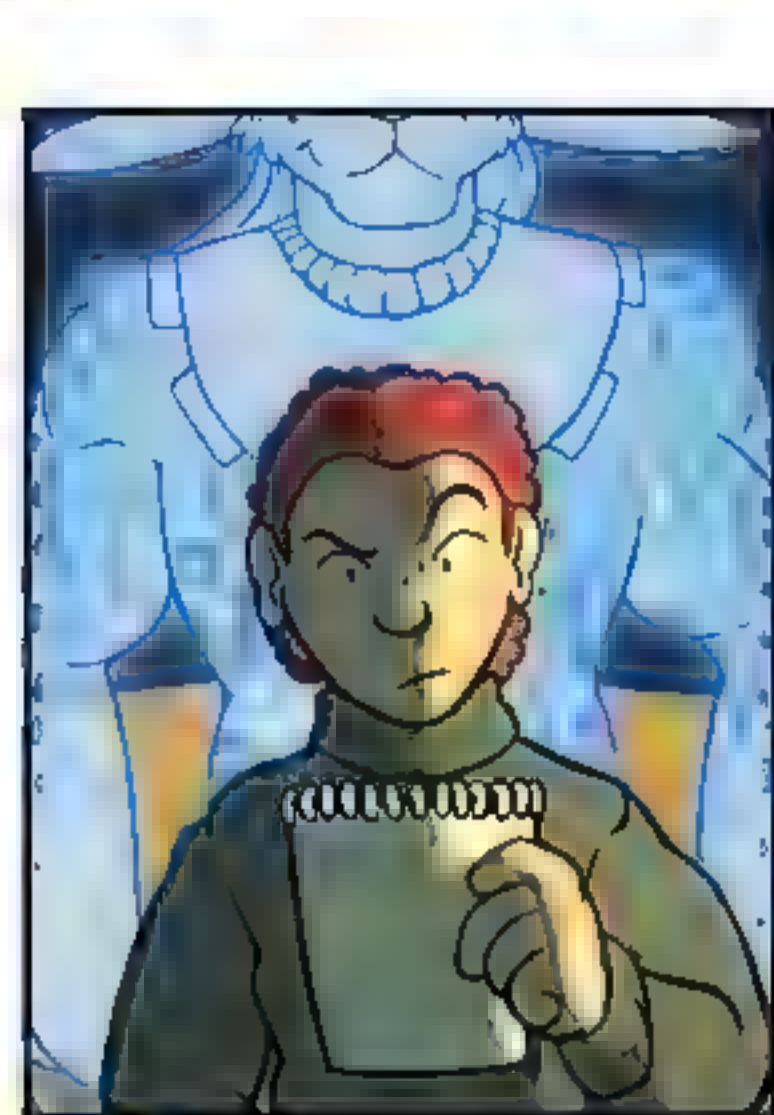


WHEN THE
TREASURE WAS
RAISED, HE WENT
TO RETAKE IT
AGAIN, BUT HIS
POWER IS LIMITED
OUTSIDE HIS
SPELLS.
NEEDLESS TO
SAY, HIS FIRST
CHOICE OF HELP
WAS . . . POOR.
HE WANTS US TO
HELP HIM NOW.

NOW I WISH I PAID
MORE ATTENTION TO
MEZOAMERICAN HISTORY
IN OBEDIENCE
SCHOOL

I WONDERED
WHY THEY HAD
THAT COURSE

HEY!



going to survive having a boat nearly fall on him. I'm a LITTLE surprised Kevin picked up on how the ghost powered teleport spell worked.



Tox.kutel (sp?) told Ralph that he was still anxious over what would happen to the treasure. which brings me to why I handwrote this letter



Enclosed is a trinket that I borrowed from evidence. Please return once finished. Turnabout is fair play, sweetie! ~Fido



... NOW, THE ASSUMPTION OF COWARDICE IS ENTIRELY IN YOUR HEAD, OR RATHER, WHAT'S LEFT OF IT ...



Spot (Superdog) goes to a party

Let's get crunk



Woooo



SWEET MOVES

Man I dont approve of your girlfriend

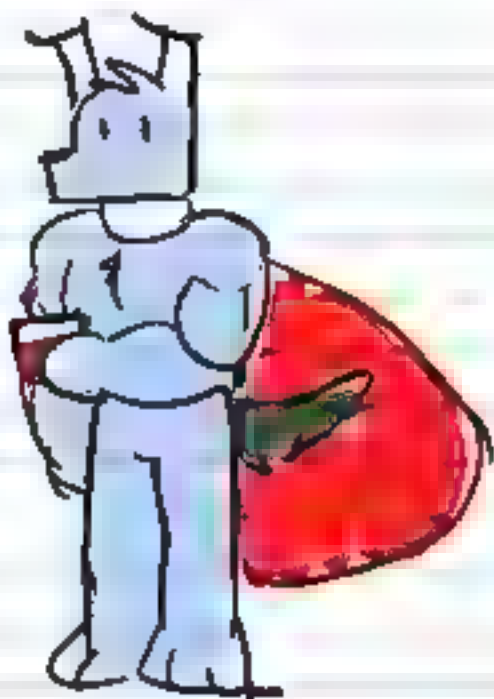
Yeah then lets settle this like men



PUNCH



I'm not really sure how to end this comic



tell us a joke!



Why did the skeleton cross the road?

to get to the other side

as in skin



SAY, DO YOU
WANT TO COME TO MY
RELATIVES' PLACE FOR
THANKSGIVING?

DAD'S GOT A
REAL BUCKET
SEAT THIS TIME;
ROOM FOR BOTH
OF US

I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD
NEVER ASK!



NOW DON'T GET ME
WRONG, THE WOLVES ARE
DARLINGS COMPARED TO OL'
PETE, BUT LIVING THERE HAS
BROUGHT ME NEAR
EXHAUSTION

I NEED A
VACATION BUT
BAD



WELL, BEING A
COUNTRY DOG MYSELF, I
CAN'T THINK OF A VACATION
BETTER THAN TURKEY, POTATOES
AND CORNBREAD, FOLLOWED BY
FALLING ASLEEP TO RERUNS
WHILE LAYING NEXT TO A
CRACKLING FIRE

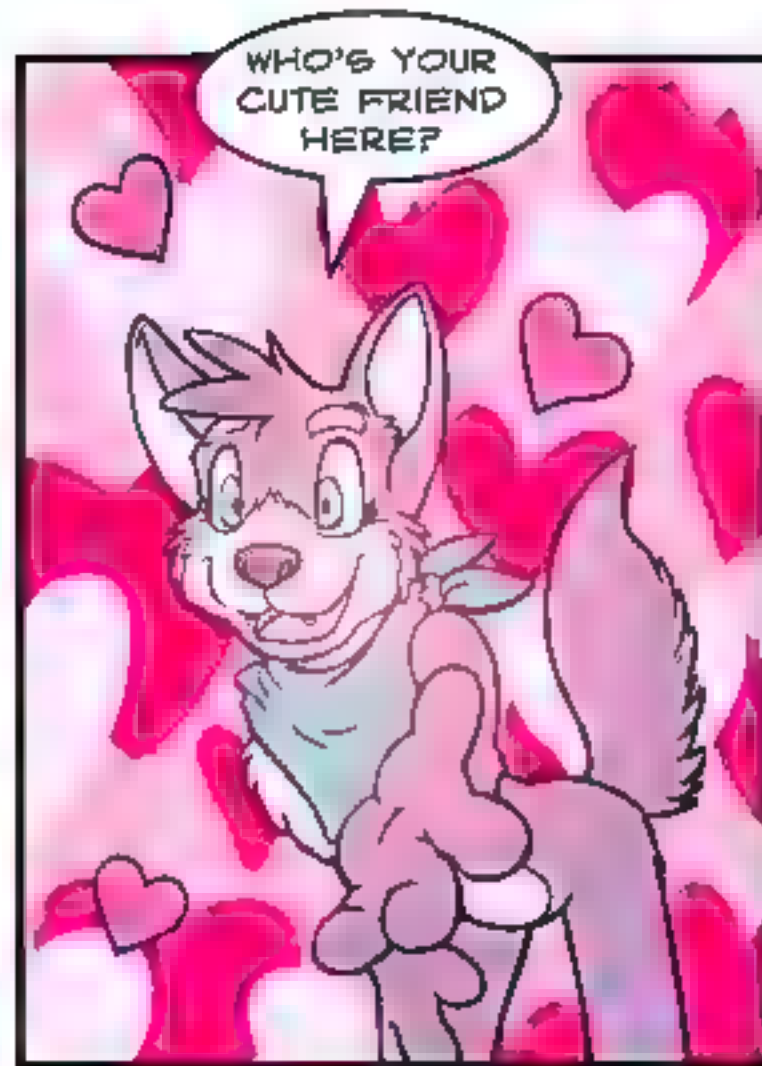
AMEN!



OH, AND IT'S A HUGE
EXTENDED MIDWESTERN FAMILY,
SO THERE'S GOING TO BE THREE
DOZEN PEOPLE THERE, MOSTLY
CHILDREN

OH TRANQUILITY,
WHenever I GAZE UPON
YOUR VISAGE, YOU LEAP
AWAY FROM ME LIKE A
STARTLED DOE

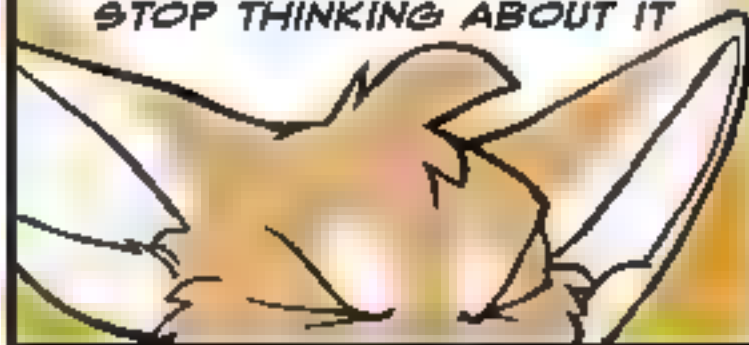




OKAY, JOEL, THIS IS A PROBLEM. YOU CAN THINK OF YOURSELF BY YOUR REAL NAME NOW. YOU COULD EVEN SAY IT OUT LOUD IF YOU WERE SO INCLINED. **YOU ARE STILL YOU. YOU ARE HUMAN.** YOU KNOW IN YOUR HEAD THIS IS WEIRD. YOU'RE **NOT** ATTRACTED TO FEMALE DOGS, OR AT LEAST YOU TELL YOURSELF THAT. THE MOST YOU'VE EVER FELT TOWARD ANOTHER ANIMAL IS A SENSE OF ENDEARMENT, YET HERE YOU ARE TRIPPING OVER YOURSELF LIKE A **HORMONE-RIDDLED TEENAGER.**



BUT, THIS IS BECAUSE YOU ARE TRAPPED IN A DOG'S BODY. IT FINDS MEMBERS OF YOUR CURRENT SPECIES ATTRACTIVE. HOWEVER TEMPTING IT IS TO THINK OF ATTRACTION AS MORE THAN A SERIES OF BIOLOGICAL SWITCHES SET UP TO SCREW YOU OVER, IT'S ONLY CHEMICALS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO **ACCEPT** IT, NOR DO YOU HAVE TO CONTINUALLY THINK HOW CUTE A LITTER OF STUBBY-LEGGED HUSKY PUPPIES WOULD BE NO **STOP THINKING ABOUT IT**



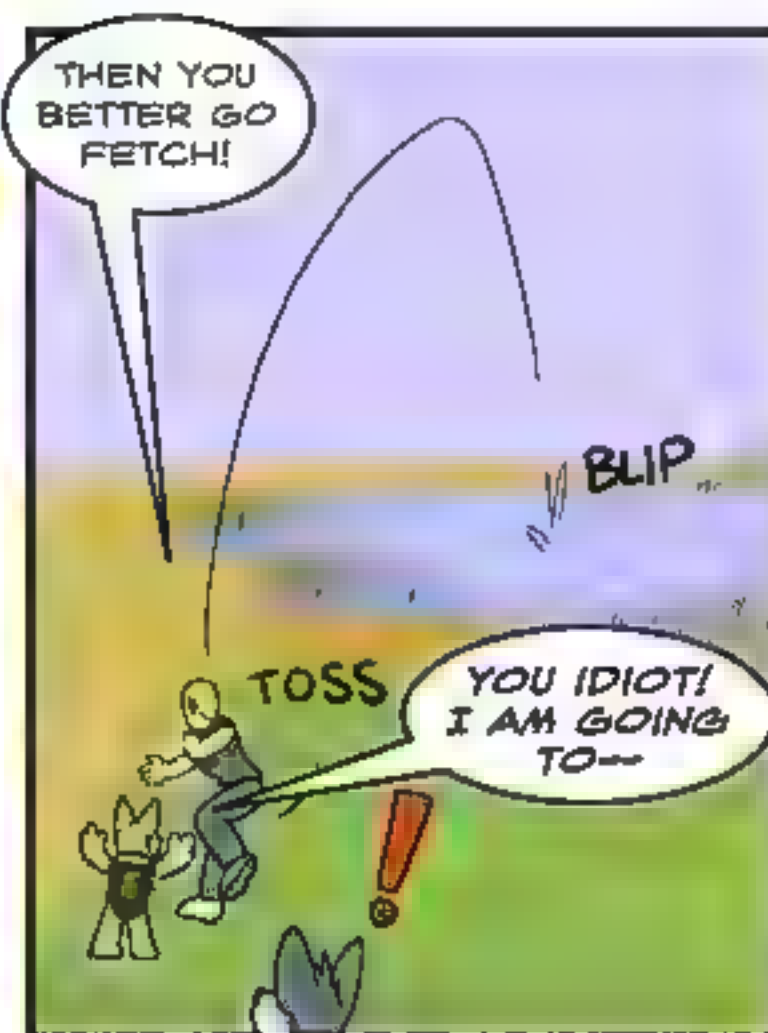
THE WITCH-CAT SAID YOU HAD A **CHOICE.** BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THIS **GIANT CRUSH** IS GOING TO CONTINUE UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS YOU ARE NO LONGER A DOG. **DO NOT GO NATIVE.** YOU CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT TIES YOU TO SOMETHING SO TEMPORAL AS THIS BODY, ESPECIALLY NOT A GIRLFRIEND. **DO YOU HAVE TO TELL YOURSELF THIS TWICE?!** DON'T SAY ANYTHING, JUST DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO AND BURY THIS SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE WHERE IT WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY



AND ABOVE ALL, DON'T LET **ANYONE** KNOW THIS IS DISTRACTING YOU







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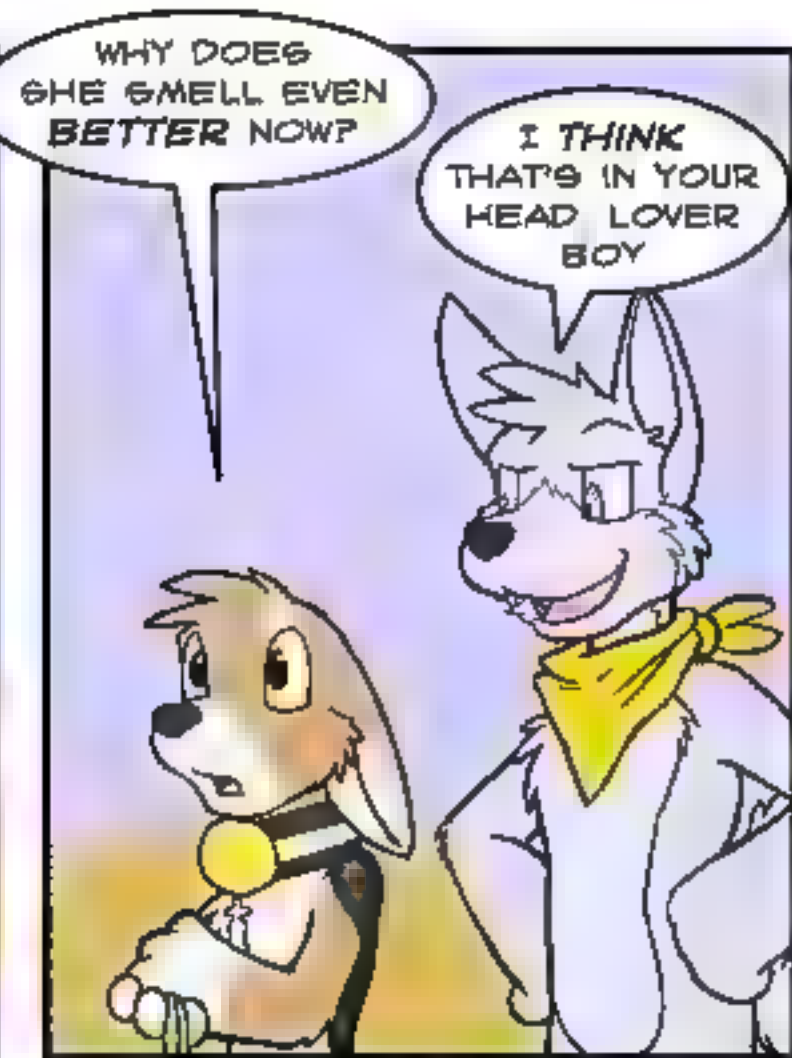
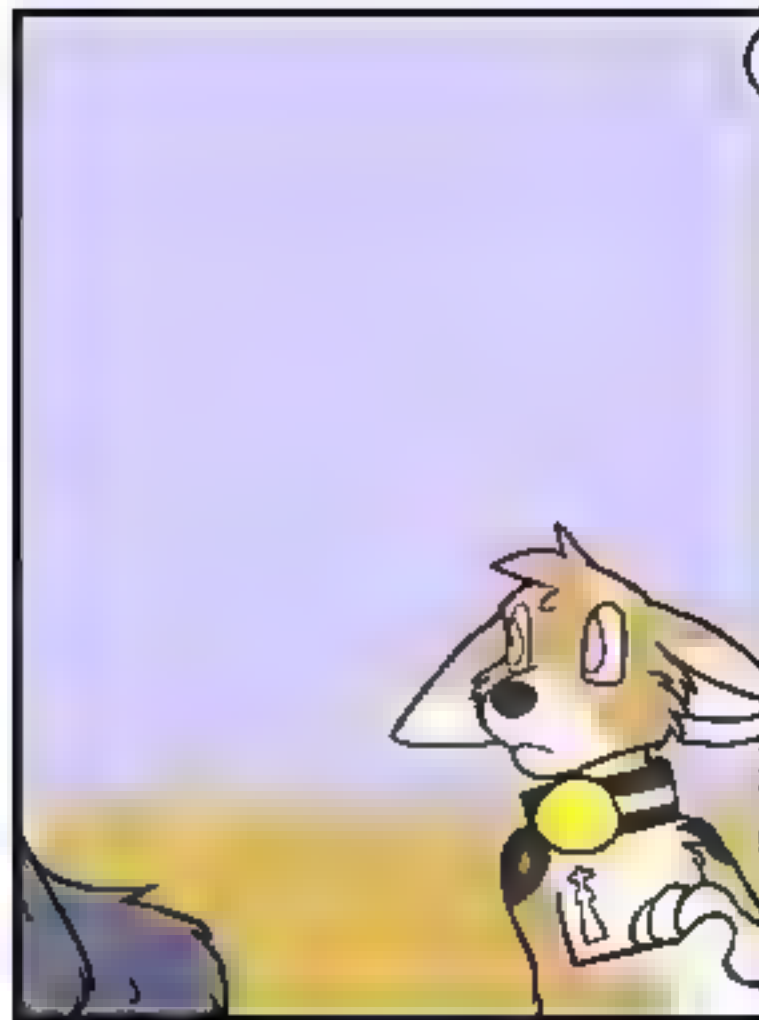


Rick Griffin



HERE YOU GO. I
HOPE IT WASN'T
DAMAGED

DON'T WORRY,
IT'S WATERPROOF.
THANK YOU VERY
MUCH



WHY DOES
SHE SMELL EVEN
BETTER NOW?

I THINK
THAT'S IN YOUR
HEAD LOVER
BOY

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HEY FOX, I HAVE A
HYPOTHETICAL

SHOOT

LET'S SAY YOU
HAD A CHOICE TO
BECOME HUMAN.
WOULD YOU TAKE
IT?

PFF,
NO

WHY NOT?
HUMANS ARE THE
ONES IN CONTROL, THEY
GET TO MAKE REAL
CHOICES, LIVE HOW
THEY LIKE . . .

NOT REALLY.
MY DAD WORKS 12
HOUR SHIFTS AND I
GET TO DO PRETTY
MUCH WHATEVER I
LIKE

BUT THAT'S YOUR
PR.VILEGE, ISN'T IT? I
MEAN, NOT ALL DOGS
HAVE OWNERS AS
GOOD AS YOURS

BUT THIS
ISN'T **ABOUT**
OTHER DOGS,
THIS IS ABOUT
ME

I MEAN, I KNOW
THERE'S A LOT OF
ANIMALS OUT THERE THAT
SUFFER AND ALL, AND I
TRY TO HELP WHERE I
CAN

SO IF THEY
WANTED TO BECOME
HUMAN, THAT'S THEIR
CHOICE, BUT IT'S NOT
MINE

THIS LIFE IS
ALREADY GOOD
TO ME

I
SEE

LET'S SAY A
MALEVOLENT ENTITY'S
PLAN HINGES ON YOUR
REMAINING AS A
DOG . . .

AAAAAND
YOU LOST
ME

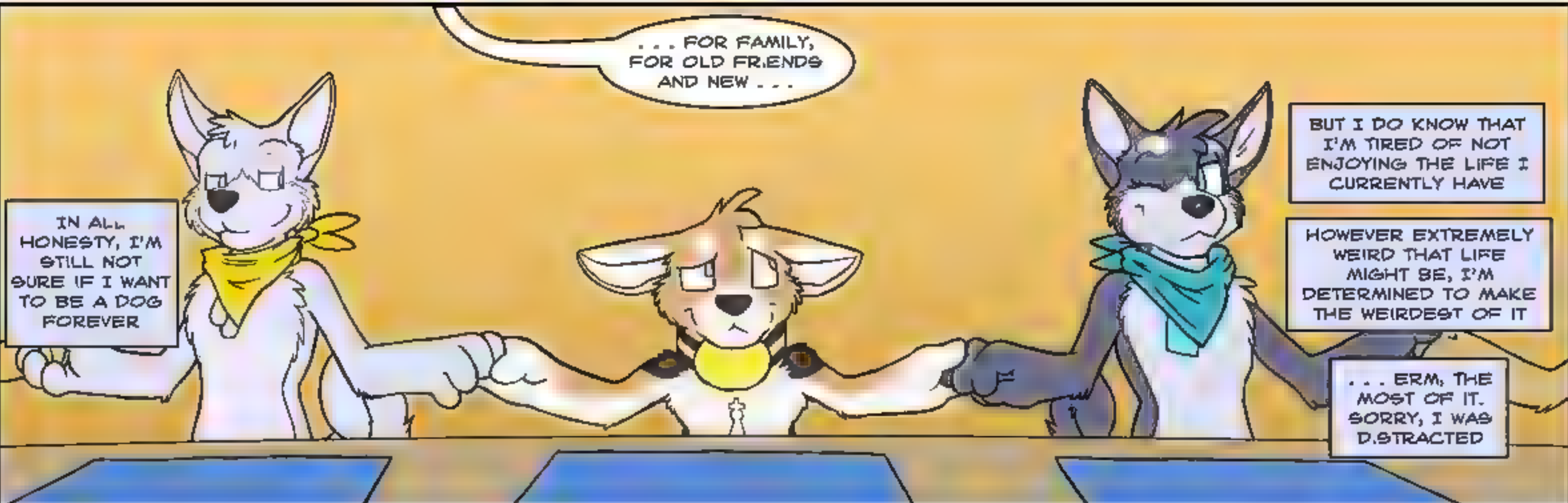
HEY BAILEY,
I HAVE A
HYPOTHETICAL

QUESTION?
GO AHEAD

HOW WOULD YOU
APPROACH SOMEONE WHO
WOULD MAKE YOUR LIFE THE
HAPPIEST OF ANY DOG ON
THE PLANET?

LET'S
SNUGGLE

BE
GENTLE!



IN ALL HONESTY, I'M STILL NOT SURE IF I WANT TO BE A DOG FOREVER

... FOR FAMILY, FOR OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ...

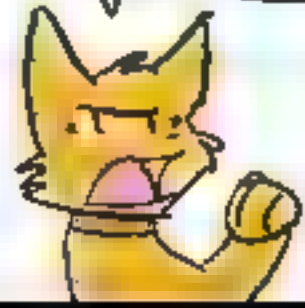
BUT I DO KNOW THAT I'M TIRED OF NOT ENJOYING THE LIFE I CURRENTLY HAVE

HOWEVER EXTREMELY WEIRD THAT LIFE MIGHT BE, I'M DETERMINED TO MAKE THE WEIRDEST OF IT

... ERM, THE MOST OF IT. SORRY, I WAS D.STRACED

SPOT (superdog)
ORIGINS of
SPOT and STRIPE'S
KINDA RELATIONSHIP

I am an intrepid
reporter!



P.B.S.

But Spot (superdog)
is so hunky! Must...
retain... feminism!

Hey babe, it's
time for the
private interview



Oh Spot... Can you tell
our readers what
kind of powers you
have?

I can do you
one better



WOOSH

AAAAAAAAA



AAAAAAAAA



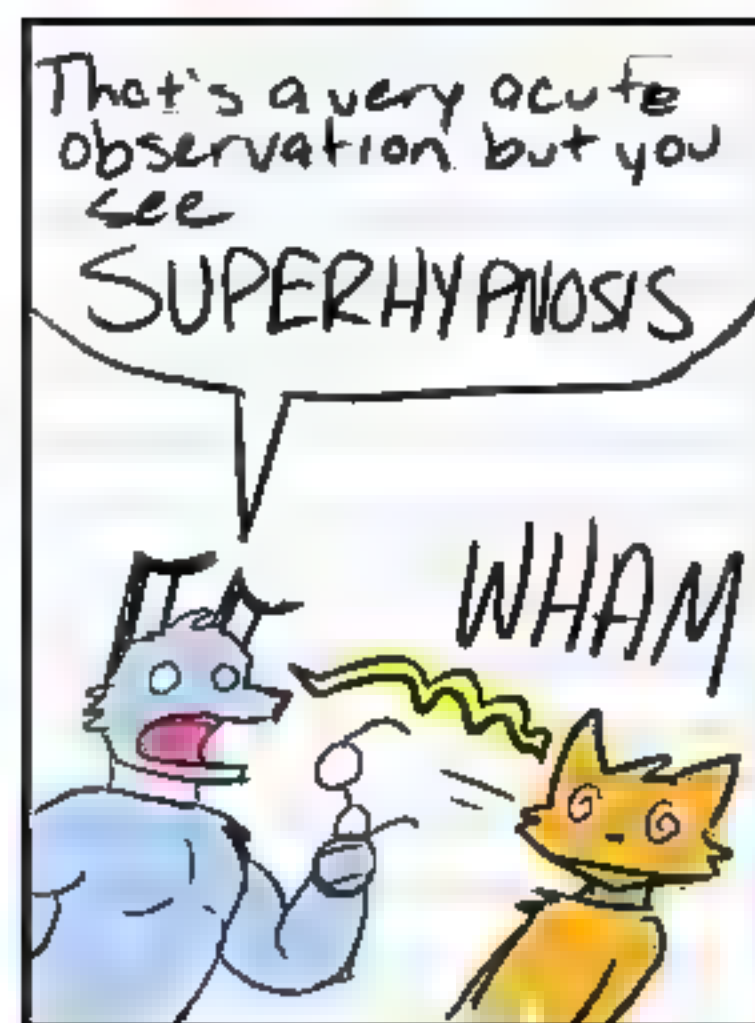
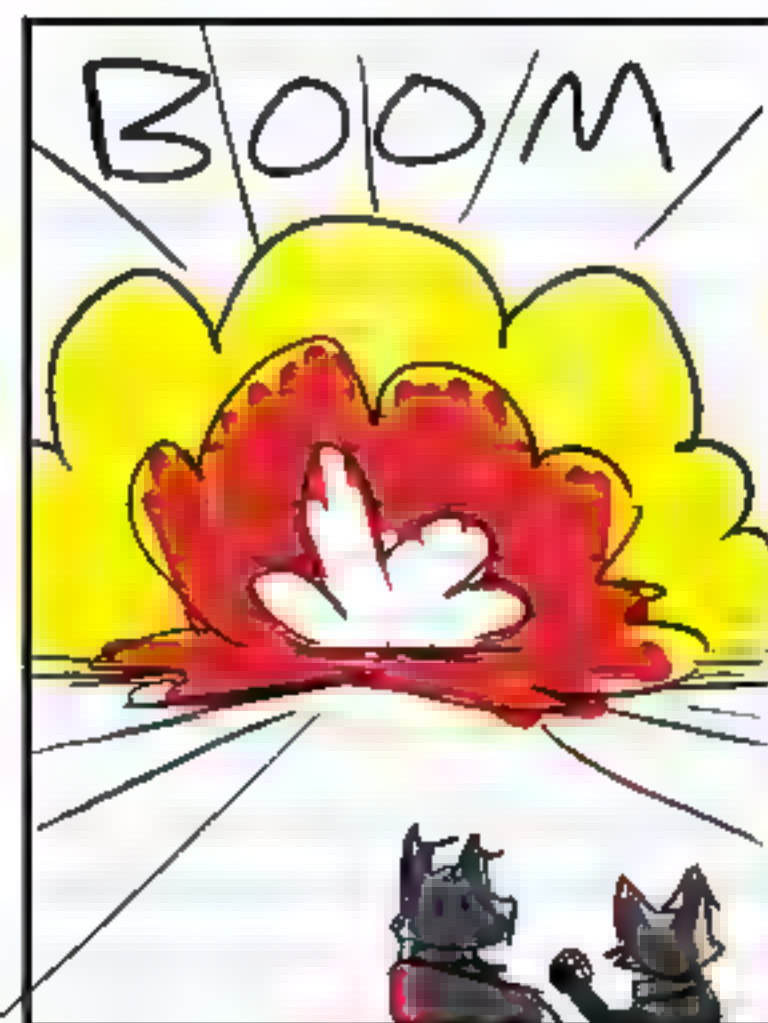
AAAAAAAAA



Would you stop all this
screaming? This is sup-
posed to be romantic!

NOT WHEN YOU'RE
GOING TWO THOUSAND
MILES AN HOUR!







HELLO, KING!
HOW WAS YOUR
TRIP?

AN EMOTIONAL
ROLLERCOASTER

DO YOU THINK
THE FERRETS WILL
LET ME WORK TO
PAY FOR A CELL
PHONE?



PERHAPS, THOUGH
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU'D
BE SUITED TO, AS WE
HAVE NO CATTLE

STORY OF
MY LIFE

SO WHAT
HAVE YOU BEEN
UP TO WHILE I
WAS AWAY?



OH IT WAS QUITE
EXCITING; THE LOCAL
ZOO HAD A SPECIAL
LATE-SEASON EVENT, SO
WE ENDED UP GOING
THERE!

WELL THAT
SOUNDS PRETTY FUN,
I WISH I COULD
HAVE--



... YOU
WHAT?!

I SAID IT WAS
EXCITING, NOT THAT IT
WAS **PLEASANT**. EXCEPT
FOR THE FIRST PART,
WHICH WAS GOOD!

A FEW DAYS AGO

GOOD DAY,
MADAM! MY FAMILY AND
I WISH TO VISIT YOUR
ESTABLISHMENT!

BE RIGHT
WITH YOU
SIR

MARTY! I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE
ON BREAK HALF AN
HOUR AGO!

YOUR AD IN THE
SHOPPER SAID A FAMILY OF
FOUR ATTENDS GRATIS, SO I
BROUGHT THREE COPIES AND
THOUGHT WE'D COME IN
STAGGERED GROUPS

WHAT IN
THE WORLD,
THIS AGAIN?! I
SWEAR OUR WHOLE
AD DEPARTMENT IS
GOING TO BE
SACKED

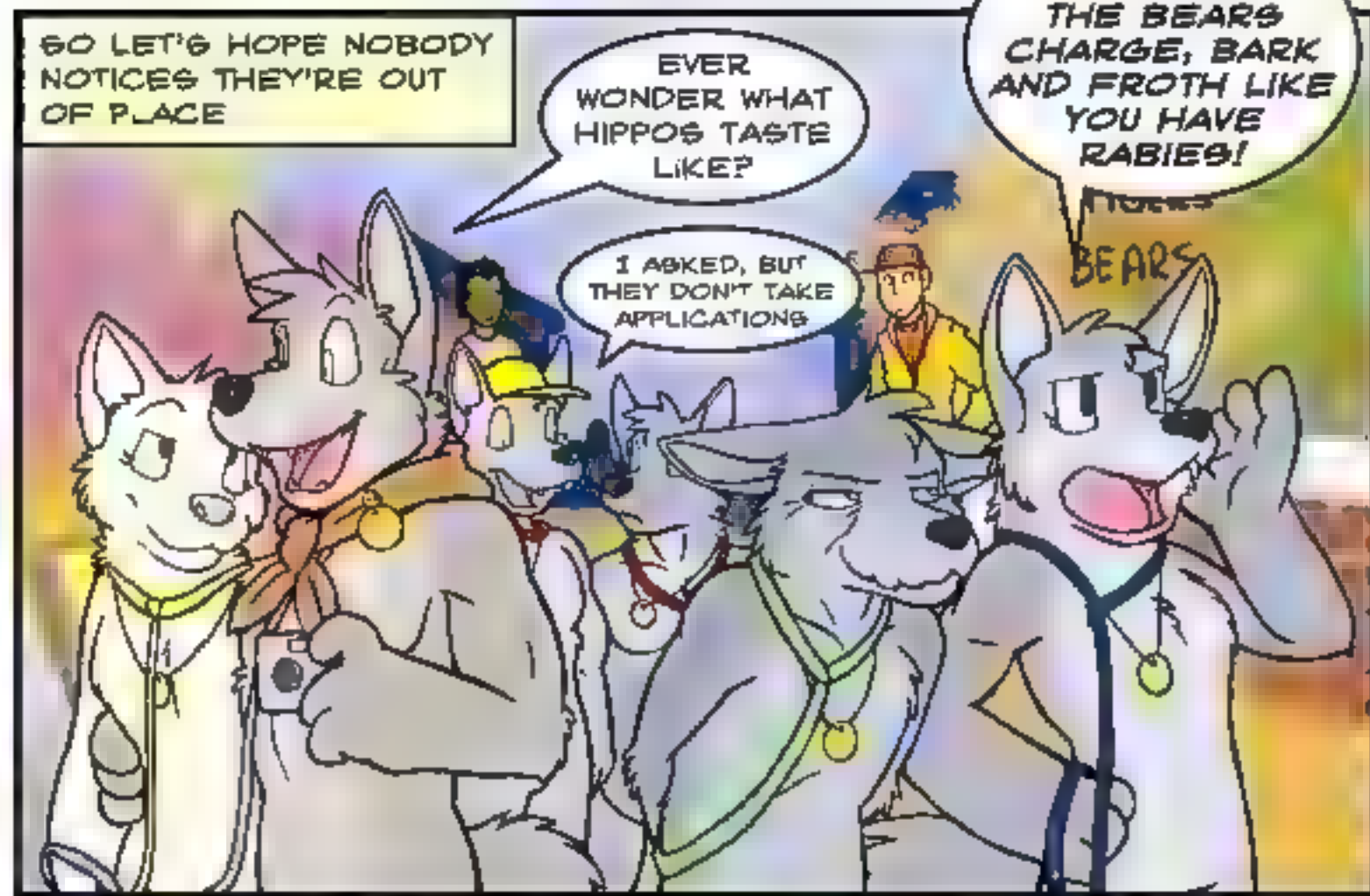
YOU KNOW WHAT?
MARTY'S A NO-SHOW SO I
DON'T EVEN CARE. HOW MANY
TICKETS IS THAT?

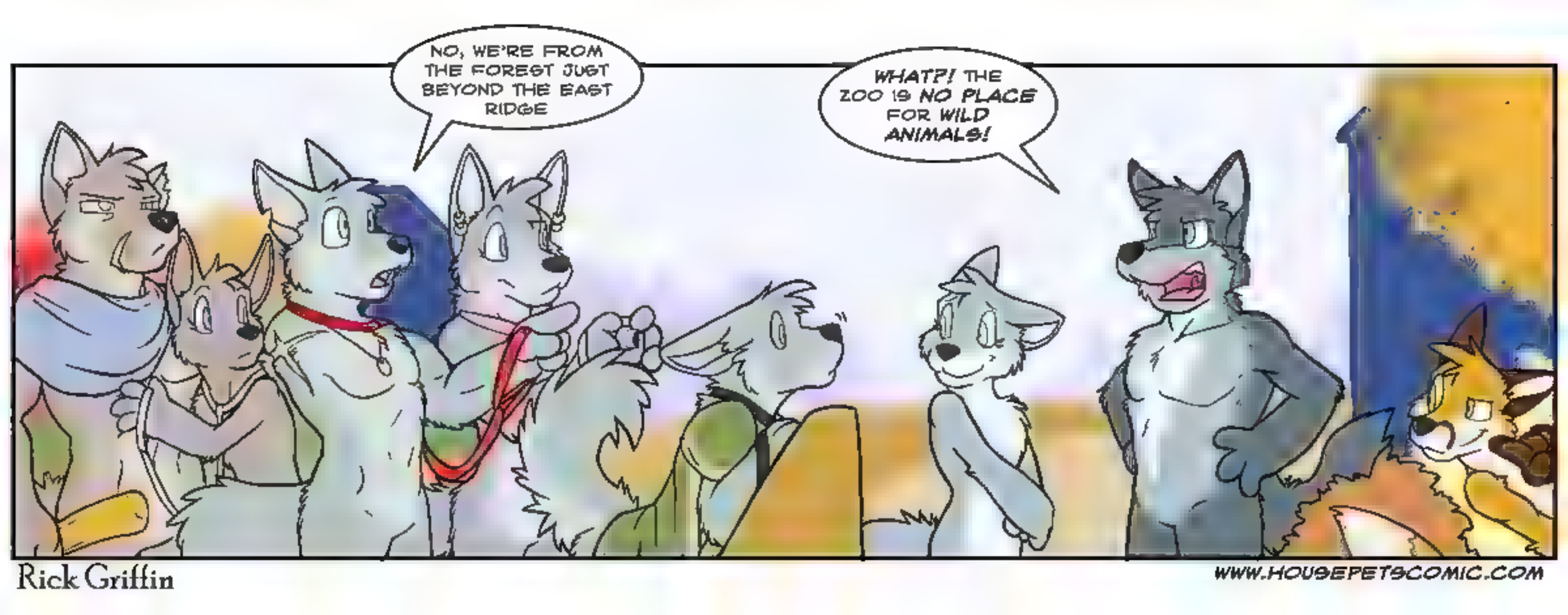
FIFTEEN

COME ON
GUYS, WE
DON'T HAVE
TO DO THE
GROUPS
THING!

HAVE A NICE DA--
UH . . . ☺☺

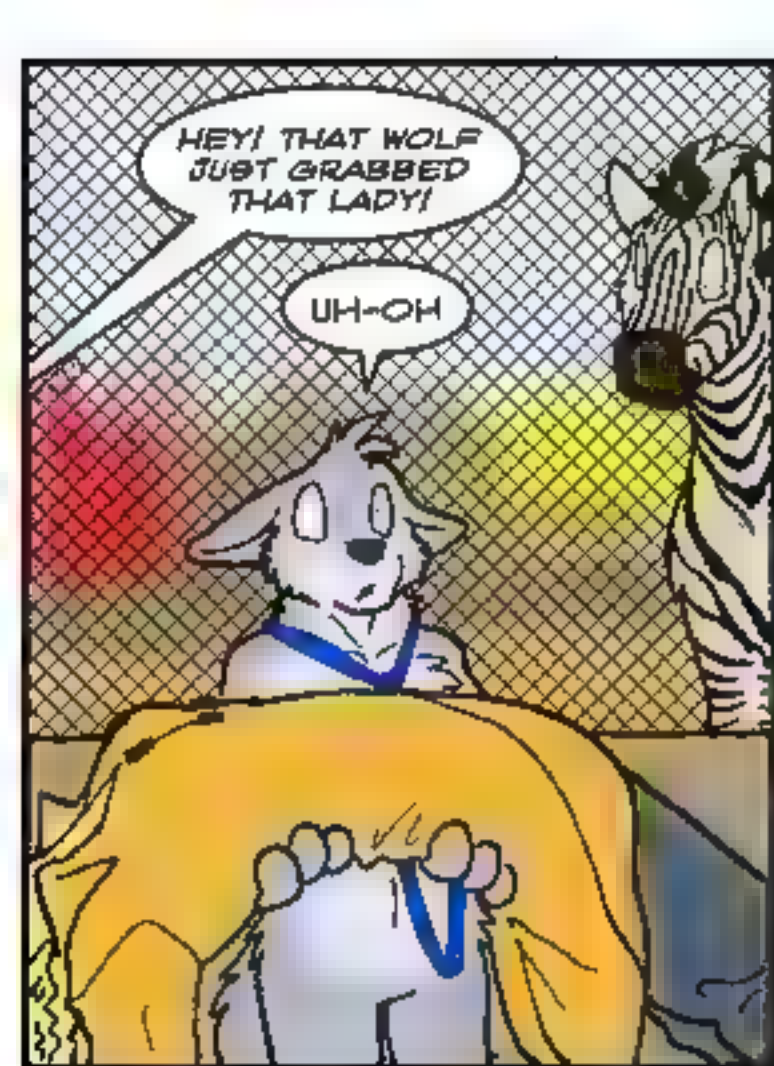
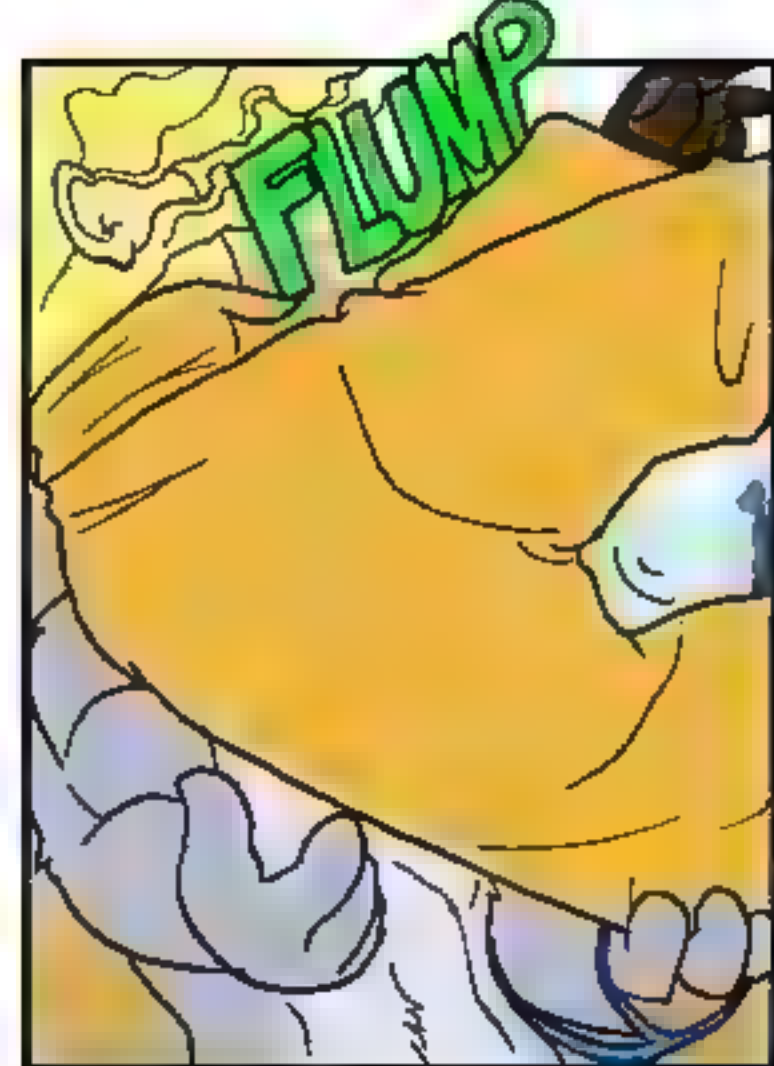
DON'T WORRY,
WE HAVE ENOUGH
LEASHES FOR
MOST OF US





NO, WE'RE FROM
THE FOREST JUST
BEYOND THE EAST
RIDGE

WHAT? THE
ZOO IS NO PLACE
FOR WILD
ANIMALS!



MEANWHILE

HELLO?

SPEAK UP!
I'M RIDING IN A
HELICOPTER!

A
HELICOPTER!

HOLD ON, I
HAVE A SPLITTING
HEADACHE AND THIS
NOISE ISN'T
HELPING

WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU
EVEN DOING AT THE
ZOO?

I'LL SEE
WHAT I CAN DO;
LET ME CALL
YOU BACK

MR. AMORI, TAKE
US AS CLOSE AS YOU
CAN TO THE RIVER RIDGE
ZOO, THEN YOU CAN GO; I'D
RATHER TAKE A TRAIN TO
FLORIDA THAN THIS
THING

BUT YOU
SAID THIS WAS
IMPORTANT

LOOK AT THE
BRIGHT SIDE, AT LEAST
YOU CAN CELEBRATE THE
END OF BLACK FRIDAY
AT HOME

I WAS
SUPPOSED TO
SEE MY GRAND-
DAUGHTER

SORRY CAN'T
HEAR YOU





ELSEWHERE

APOLOGIES FOR
BEING SO LATE, SUH, BUT
I HAD TO FETCH OUR
LAWYER IN THIS MATTER, MR.
LONDON ESQ. IMMEDIATELY
AFTER I HEARD THE
NEWS

AH YES, I WAS
VAGUELY AWARE OF SOME
WOLVES BEING KEPT AS PETS
IN THE CITY . . . BUT I WAS
UNINFORMED--

UNINFORMED?! SIR,
THE INFORMATION WAS PLAINLY
AVAILABLE! MY CLIENTS HAVE
SPARED NO EXPENSE IN MAKING
SURE THESE WOLVES--CERTIFIED
TAME!--ARE TREATED WITH
RESPECT AND DIGNITY!

BOOF

. . . SO MUCH
DIGNITY, IN FACT,
THAT NONE IS LEFT
OVER FOR YOUR
FIRM?

THAT'S HOW WE
PLAY HARDBALL,
SIR

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